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MRS. L. RICHARDSON

118 E. SMITH ST.

GREENSBORO, N. C.

Montreal

Aug. 13-34

My dear Dr. Spear;

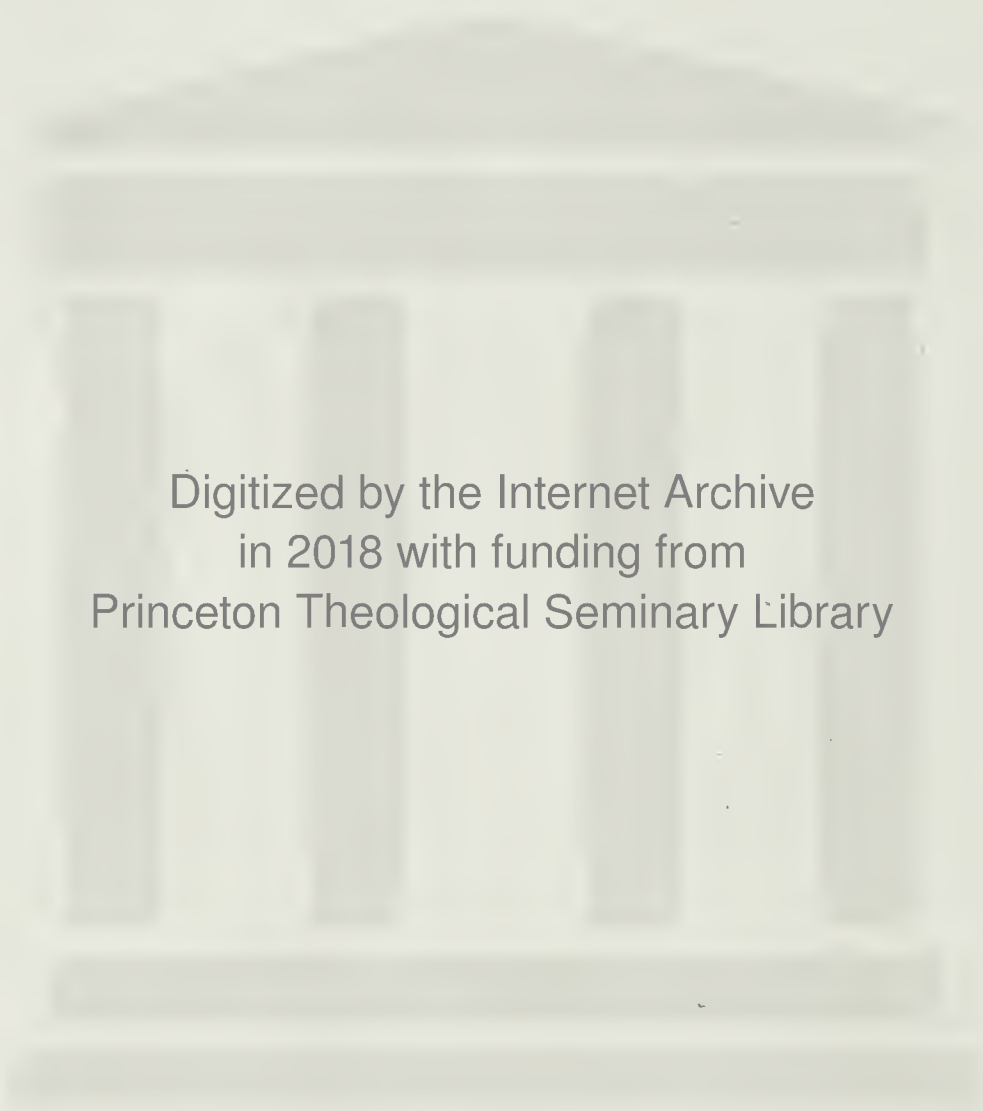
I hope I'm
not presuming in sending
you the enclosed leaflet.

Today, these beliefs, especially
the 3rd statement, seem for-
otten by the majority of our
pastors, therefore I cannot
thank you enough for your
inspiring messages of yes-
terday.

They have filled us with
unwieldy hope & courage.

I pray that our two church-
es may soon become one.

Gratefully Yr. friend
Mollie Smith Richardson



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MRS. L. RICHARDSON

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GREENSBORO, N. C.

Declaration
CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FORMULATED IN 1861.

(1)

"The General Assembly desires distinctly and deliberately to inscribe on our Church's banner, as she now first unfurls it to the world, in immediate connection with the Headship of her Lord, His last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," regarding this as the great end of her organization.

(2)

Obedience to it is the indispensable condition of her Lord's promised presence.

(3)

A proper conception of the magnitude and grandeur of the task is the only thing that can ever sufficiently arouse her energies and develop her resources, so as to cause her to carry on with vigor and efficiency those other agencies necessary to her internal growth and home prosperity."

(over)

We are proud of this Christlike declaration of our fathers, but prouder still that they practiced what they believed.

In 1867, as soon as the Northern blockade was lifted, though so bereaved and impoverished by the war, they sent two missionaries to China. Two years later two to Brazil, and so on. This faith was fully justified in the growth and spirituality of the Home Church.

To Robert Labaree,
formerly in Persia -

Lucas M. M. Dawell -
529 Stibbs Street
Wooster, Ohio.

an unmost devoted &c.
and loved mission work
August 1st 1933. Thank

Dear Mr. Robert:

The old familiar phrase that comes so naturally to the lips. It was a real pleasure to hear again from you.

I have waited until the enclosures were sent on their way before answering your letter. I have found so much in all the enclosures to interest me: The loving words in memorial of Mrs. Cochran; the Station minutes, that took me back some forty years to the "Ladies parlor" and our gatherings for conference and prayer-the old faces and voices and personalities-and the old problems; and the mistakes and failures-and thank God, for the fruits that were of God and not of men. May God deal with our present day field forces as generously and as patiently as He dealt with us.

It was a pleasure too to receive news of your family: Ben. in Ann Arbor taking his degree in engineering; Good success to him. His trip to Alaska this summer in company with his professor makes a good opening. Elizabeth married and soon to be a mother; may it be an occasion of deep joy to you all; and the circle I think is complete in the word of the good health of your sisters Bessie and Mary and Mrs. Fleming. I recall with pleasure my visit with the Flemings in Harrisburg. Please give them all very cordial greetings from me.

You will be interested to know that Philip and Sarah with their four children are just at the point of leaving us again for the work in Teheran. Mrs. Wright, Sarah's mother, is also here, living with her son Robert. Dr. Wishard and his good wife are still living here, doctor being still in practice. He has taken Robert Wright in with him which lessens his labors somewhat. Robert, as you may know, spent one term in Persia but because of complications due to the claims of the Persian government upon him as being a native born Persian and under obligations to serve in the army and perform all other citizenship duties he decided to remain in this country. Edwin Wright is liable also to fall into these same toils but for some obscure reason has thus far escaped. In time two of Philip's boys will be liable to military service etcet.

Mrs. Wilson-S.G.-together with some of her family are expected here today as guests of Mrs. Wright-on their way east. I shall pass on your letter to her, though she may have been hearing from you directly.

Robert-my son-received his Ph.D. of the U. of M. at Ann Arbor in June. What a pity he and Ben could not have known about each other and at least shaken hands. But I can understand how busy Ben must have been; and Robert also burdened with double duties-his exams to meet and at the same time carry on his daily duties on the staff of archeology.

He is preparing two books for publication covering the results of their excavations at Seleucia on the Tigris. This assures him of his job until June 1934. Then if there are funds for digging he will again be sent to the field. He has also assurance of work with the U. of Chicago.

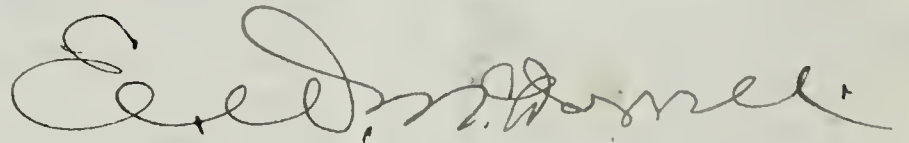
As you say Dr. Speer has been undergoing a storm of criticism. It has placed him in a very difficult situation. But the criticism is so evidently unfair and sometimes even unchristian that I think it will eventually fall to the ground and he will stand forth more clearly than ever as the leader and champion of conservatism, or in other words, of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God securely recorded for us and for all mankind in the Scriptures. It was my privilege to see and hear him at Columbus. He handled the situation so adequately and without a sign of resentment against the unjust criticism of him personally. There is no man living that I love more and trust more fully as a leader than Dr. Robert Speer. And yet I do not worry for him. I do worry for the cause of evangelical religion that is bound to suffer more through the unwise leadership of unchristlike zeal than through either light weight novelists or the so called Laymen's Report.

But I would not be misunderstood: I am an evangelical in the fullest meaning of the word and accept the inevitable conflict that is upon the Church to maintain the one and only true Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God, as handed down by prophets and apostles. There are danger points within our church that have to be guarded-perhaps even in our board of foreign missions. It is well that our church as a whole, pastors and elders and laymen, contend vigorously for the Truth as revealed to man in the Scriptures; to guard the purity of our faith: But I also believe that we have an injunction from the Master, as we have an example in Him, to carry on that warfare in the spirit of Christ, ever speaking the truth in love and in absolute sincerity.

To my mind Robert Speer comes more nearly to measuring up to this standard than any others of our leaders-God bless him.

Now I have prolonged this unduly-so shall say in a word about myself: that I am in better health; that I plan in the near future to join my son Robert in Ann Arbor; then a few weeks in Pennsylvania; then Florida for the winter.

With affectionate regard for you and for all yours,



Please return

C. S. MacFarland

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Mountain Lakes, N. J.

May 24, 1935

Dear Mr. Speer

Since you were pleased with my attempt to do justice to your book, I'll add a word. The evening of the day I wrote the review I conducted a union Communion service here. Just beside the sermon I had prepared & used your book as my subject (Incidentally, I think it added a few sales).

I want also to tell you what a change has come into my own life since I got out of the machinery of administration. I have recovered much of my pastoral sense & if I were a bit younger I'd seek relief

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from my constant loneliness by
taking a fastorate. I think I never
have preached or conducted the
sacrament in the last two decades
when my wife would not say:
"I wish we had never left the
fastorate."

As it is I get a good deal
of both reading & reviewing two
or three, sometimes four or five
books a week.

I found the situation in Mexico
a very unhappy one, but of course
had to state both facts & truths
as I found & saw them.

There just been reading the
current "Christianity Today" the fact
that our forces are so weakened by
strife, when we face such he
reous issues, is depressing.

Yours with gratitude

Charles V. Warfield

REV. CHARLES S. MACFARLAND
GENERAL SECRETARY EMERITUS
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OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

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Mountain Lakes, N. J.
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Ans. _____

My dear Associate and Friend:

I am very sorry that a recurrent weakness, from a broken arm, prevents me from replying with my own hand, to the messages received in various forms, upon the occasion of my seventieth birthday, December twelfth.

That they were over-generous in their expressions of appreciation, I am well aware, but all the more enjoyable because that revealed the friendly spirit which inspired them.

Your message will encourage me, as I enter the New Year of my "second seventy", to come as near as I can to fulfilling higher ideals of service in the years that may remain.

As yet I feel no consciousness of being aged, and the opportunities that God has given me are far from being realized.

That I have your confidence and goodwill is a deep satisfaction and a source of both joy and strength.

With my warm gratitude

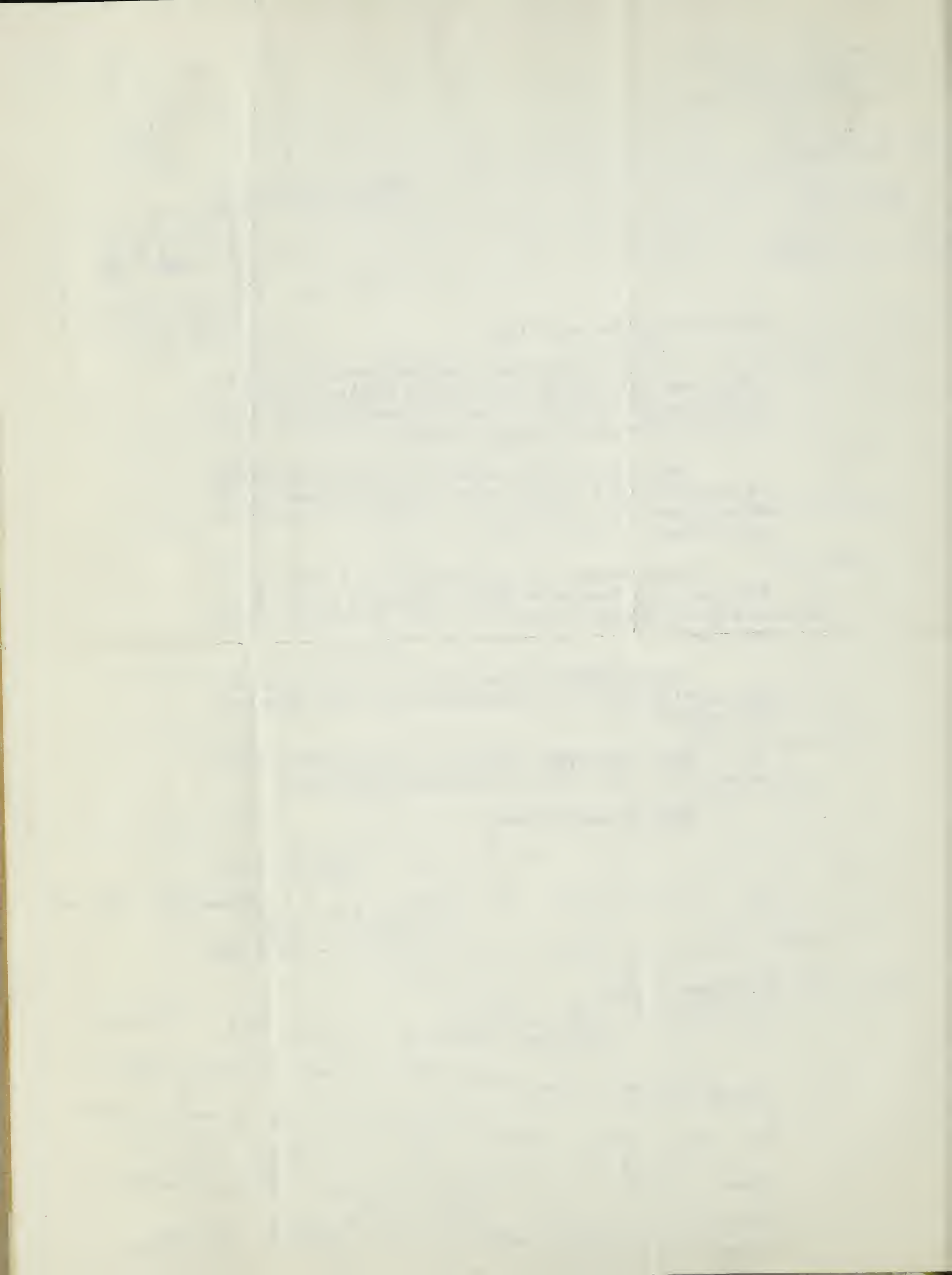
Yours sincerely,

Charles S. Macfarland

Charles S. Macfarland

Dr. Robert E. Speer

*How & how many times
you have cheered & encouraged
& exhorted me! We just reviewed
your book & shall the critique I
had to make did not obscure
my deep appreciation of it & you, a few*



and

THE MERCERSBURG ACADEMY
MERCERSBURG, PENNA.

BOYD EDWARDS, D.D., LL.D.,
HEAD MASTER

13 Jan 38

Dear Dr. Speer

It was just as I expected!
 You dealt with foundations and
 horizons & made the most
 authentic speech of the whole period
 for me. I was particularly pleased
 by your reference to the preparatory
 schools. As I see them they are very
 sincerely concerned for the whole boy
 and the many headmasters I know
 make or good an effort here or any
 company I know - Your quotation
 from Elliott at the end was very
 effective & affecting to me. His spirit
 abides with many of us. You have
 meant so much to a generation or two of
 us, that is why I hope you would write your memoirs.
 You helped make a Christian epoch -

Boyd



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FREDERICK S. DUNCAN
311 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

October 19 1938

Dear Rob. Emily and I are so happy to get your letter with its affectionate messages from Emma and you. It would have been a joy to have you with us on the memorable occasion when a few weeks ago I became of age, but next to your presence your written expression of your friendship and regard is highly prized. We have been long-time and warm friends - a relationship that constitutes one of the durable satisfactions of our lives. I am indeed grateful to you for thinking such happy thoughts about your playmate and neighbor of years ago and for sending me such delightful wishes.

I do hope some day - not too far off - that Emily and I can find the opportunity as we have long had the desire to drop in upon you at Lakeville and have a grand good talk with you and

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FREDERICK S. DUNCAN
311 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Emma about past, present, and future - a multitude of things that spring from heart and mind. Tell Emma that one of the subjects I want to discuss with her is the Scottish Church windows she and I are planning to lay out in the rough for Mr. Conrick's imagination and artistry to develop into a wonderful series of gems for the heart of our Church. We must get Emma's friend in Springfield (?) and all of us descend on Mr. Conrick with our brilliant plans.

Then we could go further into the Scotch Irish ancestry of Emma and yourself - for I am bound to establish some kinship between our families through our forebears in County Antrim or County Down. Several times when I have been in Philadelphia I have tried in vain, to find time to call upon your friend Rev. Henry Parr? and see what books are in the Church Library covering our Covenant ancestors

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FREDERICK S. DUNCAN
311 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

in Ulster in the 17th and early 18th Centuries - I'll
do it yet. And then I can tell you. Though
T.H.P. has no doubt already done so in his
imitable style - what a grand time Freddie
had, and all the rest of us too & am confident,
at the birthday party. Emely - Bless her Soul! -
pulled off a complete surprise. Family and
friends joined in making me very proud and
happy. Power's wit was brilliant and kindly.
Gifts were amusing and pleasing. Orations were
eloquent and poems charming, though grossly
exaggerated in their compliments. The Duncan
Sisters (a lovely pair; if their Dad does say so)
performed a delightful little skit. Tom Lawant
my younger twin (born on the same day but
two years later than I) was very gracious and
Betty Morrow and Maud Hulet overflowing with
charming humor. I shall never forget
how happy we all were when I became
Seventy - And now dear friends Emely and
I send you both our warmest love and hope
we may soon see each other again
Unaffectionately Frederick



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OBJECTIVES



Martins Ferry, Ohio.
December 10th 1938

Dear Dr Speer:

I cannot well express the joy it gave me to receive the little card in which you tell me of your friendship for me and wishing me Gods blessing. I shall treasure that card.

We needed you in that Cadiz Faith and Life Conference, and you gave to us all encouragement and renewal of our faith in the power of the Lord Christ. I have spoken to many of the ministers and do know that they are better men for having been with you and with Dr Kerr.

I think of you those days when I was a student in Amherst College working my way through, and sitting in Church there listening to you preach with power and conviction; you did me good then and ever since, and now that I have the opportunity to say so, I am not going to be silent. I have been an evangelistic preacher all the years, and do believe with all that is in me, in the Lord Christ. In my work as a General Presbyter in three Presbyteries I do the best I can. It gave me happiness that the Cadiz Conference was so well attended for I did want the ministers to share your faith.

In Ohio we have set our faces to do better work for the Kingdom. We shall seek to reach the goals here set forth in this letterhead. Some of the ministers who were at the Cadiz Conference have already done wonders in winning converts.

Thank you dear Dr Speer for your friendship and your blessing.

The address of the Rev J. Harold Gwynne is Martins Ferry, O.

Cordially yours,

SEVENTY-FIVE

PER CENT INCREASE

in attendance upon divine worship

SIX NEW

MEMBERS

added on confession for every 100 on the roll

ONE NEW

SCHOLAR

at Sunday School for every 100 now on the roll

MORE PEOPLE

SHARING

in church activities and responsibilities

FIRST SUNDAY

OF LENT

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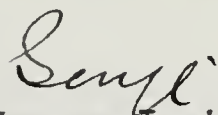
Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which has just come to me which was sent in by one who was with us at the Cadiz seminar. We are having a good deal of comment of this sort which shows that the Spirit of God is able to use these gatherings.

I am enclosing also a copy of a personal letter written to Otto Piper by one of the pastors who was with us at the seminar at Garden City. This is to me most impressive reading especially as the letter was written several weeks after the seminar was held. More over, it is written in the man's own hand without benefit of secretary.

Very cordially yours,


George Irving

GI*B
Enc.
Dictated 12-17

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C O P Y

November 22, 1938

Rev. Harold McAfee Robinson, D.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

You are well upon the way to full recovery! And we are so glad to receive the good news that you will soon be able to carry on the fine work you have been doing. We are grateful that the prayers of folk throughout the church are being answered.

The above words of greetings, it is my privilege to send to you from the twenty ministers who met at Cadiz, Ohio, Friday and Saturday, November 18, 19, in that delightful conference.

It was truly a "mountaintop experience"! The devotional element, led so well by Dr. George Irving, was a great inspiration. Then, to sit at the feet of that great man of God, and man among men, Dr. Robert E. Speer! — well, words fail me! And to look into the face of that great preacher, Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, and to be led in thinking together of the great implications of the Gospel of our Lord, was a delightful and refreshing experience. And to have come in contact with that beaming personality, Dr. Charles J. Turck, as he led us to face some of the problems of our day, and, to see how we may cope with them, added true balance to the whole program. But to say what the men said to me and what is in my heart as I look back over those precious hours, Dr. Robinson, words do fail me!

Therefore it is my privilege to thank you, and The Board of Christian Education, through you. It was certainly a feast of spiritual food. The fellowship was delightful. And it is also my delight to pass on to you this request, namely: We all would like to have the privilege of such a conference every year, if such a program may be carried on. We have returned to our fields with a new lease on life and renewed determination to serve our Lord at all cost!

Again I thank you! Again I say, speaking for the others and for myself, May God bless you for a complete recovery.

Most sincerely yours,

(signed) E. Frank Cody

November 21, 1938

Rev. Harold McKee Robinson, D.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

You are well upon the way to full recovery!
And we are glad to receive the good news that you will
soon be able to carry on the fine work you have been doing.
We are grateful that the prayers of faith throughout the
church are being answered.

The above words of greeting, it is my
privilege to send to you from the twenty-ninth and last
at Cedar, Ohio, Friday and Saturday, November 19, 1938, in that
delightful conference.

It was truly a "conference of experiences!"
The devotional element, led as well by Dr. McKee's living
was a great inspiration. Then, to sit at the feet of that
great man of God, and learn among men, to be a part of that
will, words fall and to look into the face of that
great preacher, Dr. Hugh I. Kerr, and to be led in learning
together of the great implications of the Gospel of our
Lord, was a delightful and refreshing experience. And to
have come in contact with that burning personality, Dr.
Charles J. Taylor, and to see how we may cope with that, when
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Most sincerely yours,

(signed) E. Frank Gray

C O P Y

December 11, 1938

My dear Doctor Piper,

I must write to thank you from my heart for the insight which was given to me as you spoke at Garden City. It was as though Christ Himself spoke, and I believe He did, through you to me. Although I was first bewildered by your address on Justification by Faith, as always before I had been by that subject; now I know, and it is peace. Then, too, your words about Fellowship gave me a new realization of my desperate need for truth given to others, and by me to be learned only by patient, believing waiting for what others can give me in fellowship. Rarely does one get hold of an utterly new idea, and especially after twenty-one years in the ministry; but that idea, to me utterly new, came through you and is remaking my mind. And, finally, your quiet, confident assertion of the utter necessity of Holy Scripture, came home with a new and deep meaning to me.

Thank you, from my heart. Believe that your trip that day was sight to a blind man, food to a hungry man, and music to a deaf man.

Most sincerely,

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December 11, 1939

My dear Doctor:

I must write to thank you for my letter for the
 incident which was given to me as you appear in order
 City. It was my father's letter himself wrote, and I
 believe to him, through you to me. It was I was
 first notified by your letter of the incident by
 your letter before I had seen it. I was subject
 now I know what it is about. When you, your words
 about the incident were a new realization of my
 father's words. The truth given to others, and if an
 so be learned only by letter, collection within the
 that others can give us it faithfully. Surely this
 the act of an entirely new idea, and especially
 after twenty years in the ministry; for that idea
 to me utterly new, came through you and its teaching
 of mind. And, finally, your clear, confident assurance
 of the great necessity of Holy Spirit, and how
 with a new and deep meaning to me.

Thank you, from a man who believes that your letter
 that day was given to a blind man, led to a hungry
 man, and made to a deaf man.

Sincerely,
 your sincerely,

First Presbyterian Church

Seattle, Washington

Dec. 22, 1938.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear, dear Bob:

I thank you for your letter of the 15th and I wish you and Mrs. Speer and all of your household the Happiest and Best Christmas of your lives.

Bob, you are not improving in writing any. We have had great difficulty in reading your sweet little note. Why don't you use a typewriter, then we could read it?

However, as far as I can make out the writing, your ideas are absolutely correct. You say "The world grows darker and the sea rises higher!" It is a far less happy world than it was thirty years ago and the madness of men grows worse and worse.

Yes, in the last days perilous times shall come. I think we are in them now, don't you? If they are not the last days, then the world will soon have indescribable sorrow because these conditions cannot last very long without a complete collapse of the world.

God bless you, Bob. I wish I could see you and sit down and talk to you about the whole situation.

Gwladys is improving. She was very sick.

With sincere affection, I am

Your true friend,

M. A. Matthews

God bless you.

575 Hancock St 15
Brooklyn N. Y.

Dec 27. 1938

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To a Man of God:

My Reverend friend, and a Spiritual Father.

Rev. Robert C. Sheer D. D.

A year ago, I received a Photo, of your self. And I consider myself, honored, being included to receive such, of such an eminent Divine. Where ever I mention your name, whether People know you Personally or not. I can not give expression in writing, the esteem - they have of you, which is so rightly, and justly deserved. You are often in my thoughts, and from time to time someone will ask have you seen, or heard from Mr Sheer.

I received your book, Men of Power. I am writing this in bed. Shortly after Labor day, I had a Varicose Vein on the Right

I see Mr Ross Stevenson once in a while
he can walk at a good clip yet, I ha
been married a year and a half,
Dec 19th and it has been a little
he even on cat h. I could not ask the
Lord for it to be otherwise. This is a cousin
of my wife from Baltimore, she belongs to
Brown Memorial when Mr Guthrie Sheers
the Pastor. While she does not know you
Personally. She has heard you. You
are her ideal of a minister. She ha

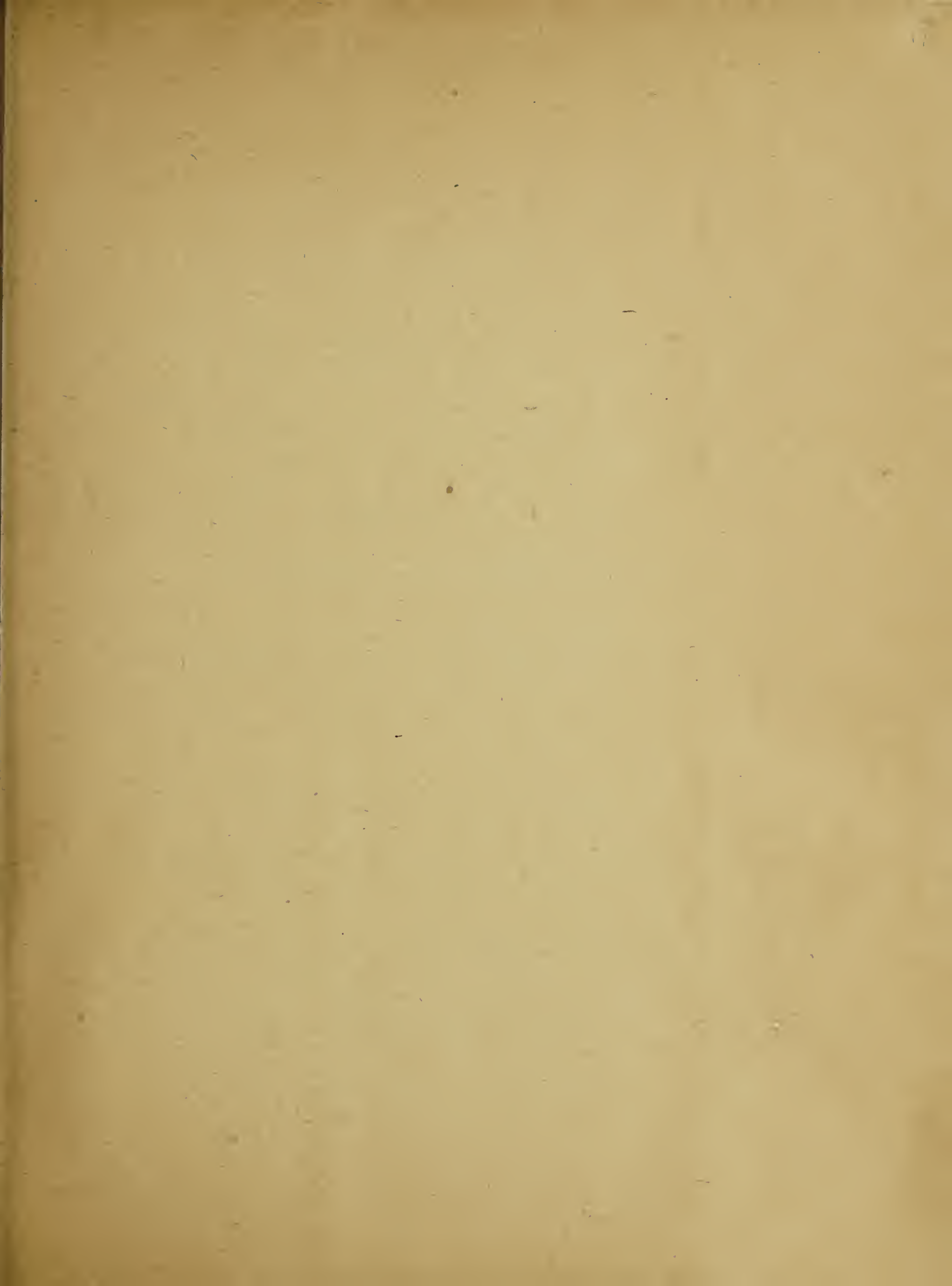
Presbyterian Church, corner of Stuyvesant &
Jefferson ave's B'klyn. where Robert A. Larson
was Pastor 27 years. The A. M. E. Church from
Bridge St Brooklyn, has bought and moved.
They have some thing going on it seems to me,
7 days a week. The first Sunday morning 160
and a full house at night. The following

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By break open. I tried ⁽²⁾ home-remedies, but to no avail, then to the doctor, and he tried to persuade me, to go to bed. I hobbled around with it, with considerable suffering.

But on the 22nd of Dec, the Climax, was I misjudge of a bottom step in a building at 297-4th Ave. And wrench'd my left leg. and became so crippled, I was forc'd to go to bed. So with my doctor, the Police doctor, and my good wife, I am in bed at their tender mercies. And it seems, and is very apparent, it will be several weeks before I return the crossing. April 16, 1940, I will be 3. According Regulations of P. d. I will have to retire, and I am anxious to continue as long as possible. I will miss the crossing, and those I have been accustomed to meet from day to day.

Sunday then dedication, ⁽⁴⁾ Bishop Sims) Colonel
Presiding, and with their big band of Music
and followers, behind marching, it was thrilling.
See according to the Church Federation.
The Vicinity bounded by Fulton & Lafayette as
Grand ave to Patchen ave 48,000 Negro
Population. Where the whites are moving out
I believe it is home mission work, and the
right solution to a certain extent. There is
vast need for religious training under
competent teachers during the week, and Mrs
Lewis, the wife of the Pastor of the Throop
Presbyterian Church, is giving much thought
and time to this particular phase of this work
to be done. I have not seen William in several
years. And I think of that baby grand daughter
you brought to see me, on the crossing. I hope your
daughter in China, will have to return home, when
her furlough comes around again. With love & best
to my eminent & spiritual friend's host family. Sydney E. Hutchins



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115 Dromore Terrace
Westdale

Dr. R. E. Speer.

Dear

Dear Dr. Speer.

I came across

a letter received from
you in 1908.

I was Chairman of
publicity and of the
Missionary Convention
when Sir Andrew
Fraser and you
were here.

We published a book.

The head of a brewery.
through your address.
raised the wages of all
his employees.

The second evening one
of his managers came
to hear you. but you
were called to New York.

If you still have the
same wage-raising
power you are badly
needed in this Country

It was that Com-
vention and your address
which interested me in
Missions, that when I
was able, I had my own

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Missionary - Rev. Atkinson
in Nigeria for many
years, probably has
been the means of
bringing joy to many a
black man.

Sincerely

L. R. Lobey.

and your own personal friendship
brought a touch of loving devotion
that drew all hearts. Love is
a magnet - a magnet with power.
I am so grateful for the hours of
hearing Ross' love and the pure
and joy and deep inspiration of
life with him. And so I am grateful
for the wonderful friendships into which
his brought me. Thank you and Emma
for coming and bringing my Holly dear. Gratefully
Alma O. Stewart

TWENTY ALEXANDER STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

Dec. 6 th

My dear Robert,

People are telling me to-
day that the Service yesterday
was stimulating to new dedi-
cation. Dr. Mackenzie came, I
to say there was sadness but it
was full of a real victory and

joy and he felt it was a great
inspiration. The Mackays were
both feeling the deep meaning
in your message for the students.
For us all there was joy in the
realization of what God hath
thought. You made us see
our God's guiding hand and
the thought and beauty of His de-
dwelling Presence. How I do thank
God for your deep insight, and
your loving understanding,
and your generous appreciation
of my grace and my dear
brother of Ross, interpreting his life
story with such tender confidence
and loving firmness that
only the victory - that Christ was
manifest. That is wonderful

TWENTY ALEXANDER STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

21
Jan. 9th

Dear Robert,

As I reflect on that Memor-
ial day I am more and more
grateful for your loving tributes.
You lifted up even the shaded
places into positions where above
the clouds God's eternal sun
shines down on them. I felt so
grateful to you for the things
you left out too. Those continents
you seem to slip out of me.
Memorance under your touch
of vital, creative faith.

I am wondering if you would
feel like having out the "Rosie"
story that you dealt with so tenderly.

Russ never liked that story. He,
it did not represent an attitude
in general and he shrinks from
the implied dominance over the other.

You were generous in every matter
and I was would have been a
surprised and touched. I am
wondering if that suggestion of
a "man" mitful field in Baltimore
than New York might just be
pursued by the thought that
felt clearly led to go.

Forgive me for suggesting - any
change in your most beautiful
and deeply satisfying address, I
believe that whether you do me
these slight changes or not I am
proud and grateful for your eyes.

TWENTY ALEXANDER STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

that and inspiring address and
thanks God for your friendship
which Ross cherished so dearly.

I wish most perfect blessings
to you and precious Emma
in the new year and the comfort
that comes from peace - in
your heart.

With happy thoughts to friends of
Dear Billy's joy.

Ever gratefully and lovingly
yours and Emmas,

Annex Day Stoverson

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205 B 48th Jan'y 9th

Dear Dr. Spier

I dont know how to write and
 thank you for the Society.
 Book you send me for James
 it was a comfort to read
 as holidays for me is always
 sad. I miss all the Society
 mes, when I received the
 book, I wish my dear
 Mrs. Hamed, could have
 know, what a comfort
 and how good of you.



To remember me as I know
you may you have to think
I can only say a few
Thank you but it comes
from my heart and
means so much. Kind
regards to Mrs Speer
so often think of you
and how good you was
to Mrs Kennedy she was
happy every time you call
faithfully yours
Auntie



1527 Nineteenth St., N.W.

Washington, D.C., January 10th, 1929

My dear Dr. Pierson:

JAN 11 1929

Just a line to let you know how much I appreciate the "Missionary Review of the World" so much that now while renewing my subs. I am ordering ^{also} it for this coming year to the Pastor of the Cong. Church at East Northfield, Mass. the Rev. Stanley Carne, who is doing a fine work in that Church, not far from the Hotel which probably you will remember. I think your Mag. is especially valuable giving as it does important work in all the denominations.

My dear friend, Mary Ellinwood, who edited her Father's life's work, and one Christmas sent me the "Missionary Review of the World," and

fine down a few years ago. I had such an interesting letter from him while in Edinburgh, a letter written regarding the Northfield Schools. I recall that he he said that while the Bible was not taught in many of our schools here that in Scotland every school had the Bible. That throws light on why we here stand now as we do, does it not? Pardon me for writing too long. But I just would like Dr. Speer to know that his article in the January, ^{no.} 1939, was what decided me to take a gift copy of ~~the~~ your Magazine!

Very sincerely yours,
Adelle Greene

since then I have taken it. I was
 so impressed by Dr. Speer's article ^{in the} ~~recent~~
 paper, the opening article in this January
1901, that it decided me to send this
 Mag. to Rev. Stanley Carne, at East
 Northfield, Mass. He is doing a fine
 work in that Cong. Church, but unfortunately
 has not a large salary. I found
 he did not have the "Fed. Council Bulletin"
 so I have sent it to him the last years
 and he seemed to find it valuable.
 I am a Cong. Minister's daughter and
 can appreciate something of Mr. Carne's
 position. I hope that Dr. Speer is not
 planning to give up his work on the
Magazine. I always want to hear him
when and where ever he is speaking, and
 I have felt so much sympathy for him



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Office of the Secretary
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January 25, 1939

Cable Address—"ECCLEPAX, NEW YORK"
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I thought our meeting the other day was one of the best we have ever had and I want to say that your presence and the part you took helped more than anything else to make it a success. When I went home I told Mrs. Atkinson that I was happier over that meeting than any we had held and that you were at your best. I have two or three things that I want to ask.

1. Mr. Taft finds it impossible to attend the meetings of our Executive Committee. Krumbine insisted that he should be elected this year but Taft is far away and it is impossible for him to get to New York. We have his resignation from the Executive Committee. Will you allow us to elect you to the Executive Board? I realize that it is possible that you cannot attend always but you could attend three or four of the meetings during the year.

2. You made some splendid suggestions regarding a treasurer. I wonder if I could see you some time in the near future and we could talk this matter over. Perhaps you can open the way to introduce me to some of these men. We ought to find a man of middle age, who is deeply interested in our work, is a recognized churchman and has some standing in the business as well as in the religious world. You can help us get such a man.

3. This is really one of the most important requests I have ever made. Our Goodwill Congress in San Francisco was a real success and we succeeded in bringing into it more of the religious spirit than we ever have had in any other of our

Dr. Robert E. Speer

national meetings. The sermon on Armistice Day preached by Bishop Oldham was an outstanding event.

We are meeting this year in Milwaukee and already have a good set up. We know the meetings are going to be successful. On Saturday, November 11th, we are planning for the religious service beginning at 11 o'clock. There will be a silence of two minutes at 11 o'clock followed by special music and we want you to preach the sermon. Then after the sermon we want to do again what we did in San Francisco, that is, have Dr. Merrill conduct a Consecration Service where we pledge our loyalty to Christ and his program for peace. This was a solemn occasion in San Francisco and made a great impression. I hope very much that you will agree to render this service. You will be received cordially by a large number of people in Milwaukee and as we have all the pulpits of the city open to us on Sunday we will arrange for you to speak in one or two of the most important churches.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Henry A. Atkinson

Johnston *John Stewart* *Manbrad*
Strong *Lawson* *Paul Kemp*
Payson
Barkie
Irishman

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Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

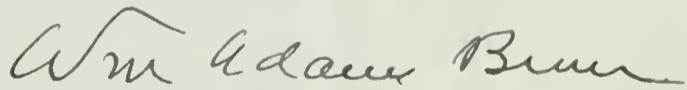
Dear Robert:

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed our time together, all too short as it was, or how much I covet the renewal of that close relationship which meant so much to me during the days of the war. I wonder whether this may not come to pass in connection with our common interest in the World Council.

At the last meeting of our Campaign Committee, which is now transforming itself into a general educational committee, I spoke of your interest and you were unanimously and most cordially elected a member of our Committee. This does not mean that the burden of attending meetings will be placed upon you, but simply to give you a relationship to the work so that when you are in any community in the south you can speak about our World Council with authority and not simply as an interested outsider.

I sincerely trust you will see your way clear to do this, and with kindest regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,



William Adams Brown

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Duson Ok.
Mar 13:39

Rev. Robt E Speer N.Y.
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

One of my members recently said to me that - he knew you did not believe in the Resurrection. I challenged his statement. I believe some one has misunderstood something you may have said in one of your books. I have read your book "The Meaning of Christ - to me," and do not remember that - you said anything in it - that - could have been so construed. Possibly something you may have said about the bodily resurrection of believers may have been misunderstood. I do not believe that - the body that - is to be will be the same nor composed of the same particles of earth. but - still I see no need of a resurrection unless there is to be a body of some sort. Certainly if language means anything Paul's words in 1. Cor. 15 2 Cor 5. 1 Thes 4:13-18 mean there is to be a body. and in Phil 3 he says it - is to be like the glorified body of our Lord Jesus. I know you believe in His Pre-millennial return but - why should He come for those who are already with Him if it is not - to perfect their state in a redeemed body. Ro 8:23. I know you do not believe that - our spirits

sleep in the Grave.

I wish you would take a few moments and state for me just your position. I have loved you since my days in the University when we were both young men and I am deeply grieved when anything is said that puts you in a position as denying some of the plain teaching of God's word.

I do not class myself with the Fundamentalists for I dislike their critical attitude, but I am definitely not a Modernist. I have some critical folk in my congregation, and I am trying to discourage the critical spirit. I think we can be true to God's word and not be throwing stones at those who disagree with us.

Perhaps you can direct me to something you may have said in one of your books that will make your position clear. I will certainly appreciate it greatly if you will clear this up for me.

Fraternally yours

Geo. A. Chatfield
Pastor Yale Am. Church Tulsa.

West End Baptist Church

GEORGE T. TUNSTALL, PASTOR
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

March 14th, 1940.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Petersburg, Virginia,

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Your ministry in our midst has brought untold blessings to many hearts. You have been a great inspiration to me, and I am deeply grateful for the privilege of hearing you.

This morning you quoted what you found on the fly leaf of the Bible your friend gave you at Northfield. It was such a beautiful thing that I want you to please do me the favor of copying it and mailing it to me. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your convenience.

May God continue to use you for His glory.

Sincerely yours,

G. T. Tunstall

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HOWARD A. KELLY, M. D.
LIBRARY
1406 EUTAW PLACE, BALTIMORE, MD.

23 March 1939

Dear Doctor Speer:

Your gracious letter was most welcome among my kindly birthday'gratulations. How shall I say how honored I am in your remembrance, counting me among the workers for the great cause. How satisfying life remains at any age while we still have the privilege of exploring God's Word for its treasures and then seeking to open the eyes of others to such incalculable values. I am studying Ephesians now, as for a long time past, and it appears to be inexhaustible. A temporary upset put me to bed for a few days, but today I am up and out once more.

With warmest regards to Mrs. Speer,

*Affectionately,
Howard A. Kelly*

5/21/1903

Dear Dr. Pease:

I am thank you for

to many letters of his kind.

I can't believe how you would

about the time of our

more - two more - "supper."

He & Kenneth - you for your

pleasure - while had time

to see since 1903 - a time

of imperious - help -

of your summer at our residence 1903

The message - the people are all drunk
you may need go to see the new building
emphatically - how you come & take
"that" I may know him & his power
& his remembrance - the yellow ship & his
travelling - "in another" - "how" the article
the "how" we had - "how" the article
nearly all - the rest of it I get
that the things have all completely
single making with me in hope &

power! And across the years the
realization that life = struggle; Christ-
Faith - has meant - more - far
more than I can tell you -
Ours + me again in dead from your
books - your ego addresses - my the
forums at various P. Y. churches / five
years apart / always the same message
of the One Higher than all else - call
me in + me to lead his lights - but
"seeing us through" (This is not
to be personal - or love; but while you
are still here in this world - & while
he still has you - not yet - the "feeling
the voyage" of "Voy Home for Port" -
want to thank you. !!!

Sincerely
Anne Wilson McCabe

Mountain View,
Durham,
N.C.

Don't feel that you must answer

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND TWO IOWA STREET
DAVENPORT, IOWA
ALFRED SAMUEL NICKLESS, D. D., MINISTER

March 30/39.

Dear Dr & Mrs Spear:

I cannot tell
you greatly we have missed you
this week. What a blessed and
deeply spiritual week you gave us,
and how much better we all are

For your having tarried with us. As
go in and out of the parish people
speak to me in deepest appreciation
of your gracious ministry. And others
outside our presbyterian fellowship
are equally appreciative. Thank you
a thousand times for what you did
and may you long be spared for
service in the Kingdom of God is our
Prayer. Sincerely Alfred L. & Edith.

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DAVENPORT, IOWA April 4, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I believe I have you to thank for a printed copy of your address on "The Spiritual Resources of Christian Higher Education" delivered at Louisville, Kentucky, on January 11th, reprinted from a February number of "Christian Education". Whether or not it came directly from you, I deeply appreciate having this valuable paper available for reference, having already had the satisfaction of reading it twice, first in mimeograph form as sent out by President Welch to the directors of the University of Dubuque, and then as it appeared in "Christian Education". I find it invaluable in trying to present the cause and opportunity of Christian Higher Education.

I can not tell you how much your visit and that of Mrs. Speer has meant to our church and its people. I am sure that it has elevated the spiritual tone of the congregation and has resulted in a much closer allegiance on the part of many of our people to their Master.

I know Mrs. Lindsay would want me to add a word for Mrs. Speer in appreciation of her services to the women. Mrs. Lindsay was overflowing with her enthusiasm and joy, both in regard to what she, herself, had received and the blessing that it gave to so many of the women, through Mrs. Speer's meetings and personal contacts.

I am glad to see your name attached to the work of the American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression. Mr. Price's letter of March 20th is the most effective brief statement I have seen on this matter. I am sending a small contribution, and a request for extra copies to send to some of my friends, and I hope through them to others. I believe this would be a proper case for use of something like the chain letter appeal - for a great cause instead of for superstition's sake.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Speer, and with deep thankfulness for your visit, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Edwin B. Lindsay

EBL/p

Grand
W. J. /

628 S. Mason Street,
Fort Collins, Colo.
April 4, 1939.

Dear Dr. Spier:

This is to inform you that Dr. McDowell passed away March 31. He has been in bed three months at this time, having been taken down Dec. 30th. There was no stroke at this time, though the beginning of his decline was a stroke when he fell in the bathroom just after rising in the morning last Feb. 10 (1938). But he soon rallied from that and was up and out again, riding and walking and talking, writing, reading etc. But his strength declined gradually and he had four other small upsets which were sudden enough to be called slight strokes. The last of these was in October, and the long period of immunity made us hope that

he might be able to continue on in fair good health.

I am wanting to ask a very great favor of you. I have been asked by his life-long friend and college classmate at Wooster, whom Ed asked to take over his work as class secretary, to give me an outline of his life and work and my estimate of it. I think that is a big order and a delicate problem in my position. I feel very inadequate to it, and I do think it should be done adequately.

I know that Ed would not want to have any great flourish about him and I am not one who believes in getting into the lime-light, but his life was of enough interest and importance to merit a modest resume or appreciation.

If you do feel like doing this, I should be very glad to pay for the printing of a booklet for distribution among his friends and relatives.

Hoping that this will not seem an imposition on you, I am
Yours sincerely, Elizabeth Dean McD.

G. F. VENABLE
PASTOR

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119 FOURTH STREET
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April 4. 1939

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Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Atlanta, Ga.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

You will doubtless pursue this letter with some growing surprise. I am a minister here in this North Georgia Conference of the M. E. Church, South. I never touched you but once, personally, and of course you have no recollection of that. But you have been a familiar household word in my soul for forty years, because of that one touch.

I think it was in the summer of 1899, while I was approaching my senior year at old Emory College, at Oxford, Ga. (now Emory University, of Atlanta) when you and a bunch of students, along with John R. Mott, were in conference for some days at Bingham School, by Asheville N. C. It was a real mountain-top experience to many of us. I have carried you and Mott in my heart ever since. Senator Walter George was of that company, I believe.

(My wife's given out to the M. E. Church.)

Well, last Sunday I had one of my rare days of disability for work. I had had my eye on your ministry at First Presbyterian for some time, and strange to say, it turned out that I must sit by at the hour of your first appearance at the Atlanta engagement. And the radio brought you again into my life. For this I thank God, as I have done over and over through the years.

Some reveries accompanying that hour last Sunday have found their way on paper, and I am venturing to slip it under your eye, as inclosed. The picture, and interpretation, playing in to the story, are with our Methodist devotional booklet, the Upper Room. You may be familiar with the whole. But I am inclosing also a fragment of the booklet, with the exhibit.

You will pardon the intrusion. You will not mind hearing of some good seed you sowed in the long ago. May God continue to bless you and yours.

I am most cordially and gratefully yours,

G. F. Venable

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"MY DAY" - ON PALM SUNDAY
~~THE BIBLE ON PALM SUNDAY~~

I resented the ill that kept me in and from my work on this Palm Sunday. The congregation was denied the preaching. Scattered? Perhaps so. My mate sick, and away from home---and I, alone. I contended to go to church, but the ~~was~~ doctor was "thumbs down". He said it would hurt both me and ~~my~~ folks. The first was all right; the other halted me. I could only send in some announcements and try to set the stage for another day.

The service hour approached, radio on, ~~and~~ ^{the} Bible and ~~the~~ Upper Room in my hand. While the last two waited, the other brought the secrets of Paul--a man who met Jesus, and knew Him; was disciplined into LIFE, by the "goads" against which he found he could not kick. It seemed a good time for me to consider obstacles, and "goads", and the rest of them that get in men's way---and seem to hinder.

I asked again for "the peace of God" that has so often been the cry of my soul. What is that? Of course a good conscience. Of course, the absence of ^{inner} annoyances and frictions, along with the assurance that my best ideals are satisfied, as also those of the Great Idealist. And how secured--with Him, whose peace alone matters? Just as it is secured with any other ~~personality~~, friend, or fellow. Are we two in harmony, the one with the other? Do we seek the same things, moved by the same motives, purposing the same best and highest good? And have I given him any offense? Does he hold any thing against me? So when God and I talked it over, ~~I added~~ after this fashion, I added, "And if ~~I have~~ you hold any thing against me, forgive it". And ~~then there stole into my soul the quiet calm of the peace of God~~ if I have omitted ~~to do any~~ part of ~~his~~ will, ~~that~~ ^{you} knew my supreme purpose and intent and effort had been to fulfill the whole." Then there stole into my soul the quiet calm of the peace of God--and I was quiet and satisfied.

Then I turned to the cover page of my Upper Room, "Holy Women at the Tomb" and began on Bailey's interpretation of Ender's picture. I read how they are ~~trying to~~ discounting our faith, and trying to make it vanish in mist and the confusion of materialism, and the foolishness of the "reprobate mind", just as we are entering upon this "Holy Week"--and wondered if this is the best name for it. Flung across the river, separating Georgia from South Carolina, is one of these massive concrete dams that modern industry has set up for light and heat and power throughout our region. Throughout the length of that great dam runs for hundreds of feet, a hollow tube or tunnel, ^{within its} reaching from the Bower House on ~~one side to the other~~ ^{the west} bank to the Carolina shore on the east. The tunnel is dark and foreboding. Stepping inside the entrance, ~~one finds himself~~ to traverse its length one finds himself confused, and instinctively reaches with his hands for invisible support, and ~~with his~~ ^{with} feet to test the darkened foundations, and moves with caution, lest he stumble beyond recall. But he is told to lift his eyes to a ray of light that shines in the distance, like a faint beam in the night; ~~he is told~~ to keep his eyes on that light, and go forward--that ^{there is} that is the open day on the father shore. By and by the tunnel is behind, and God's sun, ~~and is~~ in God's heaven, and the brightened world is about his feet, and the ~~foundation~~ ^{foundation} "standeth sure" underneath them.

This week the "Lamb of God" is in the tunnel, till Easter morning. And untill then, the whole retinue, even of those who love

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Him. God's open and eternal day springs out of Easter morning, and its light has been all the while before our eyes as the one supernatural and sufficient surety against stumbling, or failing, or falling. And now we may cry, not only "the Lamb of God", but add, "that taketh away the sin of the world."

And so, following along with the picture of the empty tomb, this "shut in" preacher who resented the interruption of his routine, somehow seems to recognize the "cloud of witnesses" all vibrant with testimony, since that final emergence from the tunnel, and the day-dawn that followed, declaring amid the ~~dis~~conflict "But death did not seem to end it all." And while the materialists and the faithless unbelievers still contend that Easter hopes are just "wishful thinking", there come the myriad voices over the stream that tell of feet that have in the long ago pressed solid ground on the other side. And some of these voices are so familiar, I used to hear them in exuberant hope as they lifted their eyes and saw the light at the end. And these were never driven by guile, but wedded to truth, and with incarnated integrity, they fell so in the habit here, they could not learn to tell a lie there--nor anywhere. They have forsooth come to me many a time when amidst the struggle, "alone and in the power of evil....evil content" and "fought the way out" for me. "It will take more than death and hell and the grave" to stop such as I greet this Passion Week Sunday, when an unwilling prisoner of the indoors. Maybe these reveries and these voices from afar, have been better any way, than a little halting preaching, and a routine of that seemed to be important, but when crowded out, made the light on shore at the end of the way, shine a little brighter.

But there was yet more: As if I needed what Thomas required, the testimony of the flesh, ~~there-see~~ while the radio yet ran, there came actually the voice of one who in the long ago caught up us college boys in that holy mountain retreat, and laid in us the ~~foundation~~ basic foundation for that mightiest revival that old Emory perhaps, ever saw. Revival, did I say? Yes, revival of that faith in whose strength some of us have gone till now. This voice was ministering in a near-by city, at altars like those so far back in the distance, and the spake again, also, of the things that belong to the peace of men: The love of God--that love that makes us mean more to God, than we can every possibly mean to ourselves, etc. etc. So that the same messenger for the youth ~~in-these-days-is-here-again~~ that waited before him in that day is ~~as~~ audibly here again, in ripened and enriched experience of "that way" "comforting" the souls of men, and making strong their hands.

Truly, in the thought of our interpreter of the picture, they do come to us from both sides of the Great Divide, and fight the way out for us. It was Peter who wanted to build some dwelling places and stay on the mountain. But who wouldn't?

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April 12, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My Dear Dr. Speer;

At a recent meeting of the Session, the Clerk was instructed to convey to you and to Mrs. Speer, on behalf of the Congregation of this Church, our very real appreciation of the many helpful and spiritually uplifting contributions each of you made to our Centennial Celebration.

May we assure you that we shall long entertain the most happy recollections of your presence among us.

Very Friendly Yours,

Clyde Minard
Clyde Minard, Clerk,
Session First Presbyterian
Church, Davenport, Iowa.

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FFICE OF SECRETARY

April 6, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Re the Cook Lectureship

Understanding that you are soon to start for Europe, the Executive Council has requested me to write to you regarding the Cook lectureship, which, by official Board action, you have been asked to accept for the year 1939-40. Our thought regarding the lectureship is briefly as follows:

(1) Whereas India, China and Japan are the three countries specified in Dr. Cook's will, the intent would not be to stop the lectureship because any one of those countries was not widely open at a given time, and that other countries might be visited, either as an emergency substitution for one or more of the three mentioned or in addition to them.

(2) The Executive Council believes that the next Cook lectureship should not await the end of the disturbance in China, --- a date which no one can foresee which may be some years away.

(3) India is now wide open, particularly after the Madras Conference, and a number of representative India missionaries have told me that this coming year would be an exceedingly auspicious period for you and the Cook lectures. Also, Japan is indicated as being a good though perhaps not quite as free a field as ordinarily for this service. There would be little opportunity in inland China. Nevertheless among the great student groups in Canton, Shanghai, Peiping and other accessible centers, the message would be very helpful. Furthermore, the Philippines and Siam want to welcome you, and needless to say, you would be warmly received in other places in Asia. For instance, you might wish to stop in Beirout and Singapore; and Cairo with Watson at the University, Smith at the Y.M.C.A., Elder and Adams in the Mission, Morrison, executive of the C.M.S. and others would arrange a good hearing.

(4) The Board and Council here in New York and the missionaries and Missions on the field are all very eager to have you deliver the next course of lectures, and naturally we must recognize that prolonged deferment of them decreases the likelihood of your accepting the responsibility.

Let me know frankly what you think about the whole matter. I know enough not to press you for a decision if, as I earnestly desire, I wish it to be favorable !

We don't see you nearly as often as we would like. Won't you drop in more frequently when you are in New York ? Are you willing to be approached occasionally about undertaking a speaking engagement or rendering other helpful service for the Board ? You have no idea how greatly and how sorely you are missed in many many areas of the Christian missionary movement in general and of our Board work in particular. Are there any publications, Minutes or other issuances of the Board or of other organizations which you have not received and which you would care to have ? If your copy of the

(Dr. Speer, 2.)

4/6/39.

Madras Findings has not yet reached you, it will be arriving shortly.

With most sincere Easter greetings to Mrs. Speer and you, I remain

Your devoted friend,

George Scott

George T. Scott

GTS.w
CC to Dr. Erdman

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

April 20, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
"Rockledge",
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Re Joseph Cook Lectureship

After my conference with you last Friday regarding the Board's invitation and hope that you would be the next representative of the Joseph Cook fund for the presentation of Christianity in southern and eastern Asia, I reported to Foreign Council that afternoon that for various reasons you were hesitant about accepting. You would have been personally embarrassed by the immediate and unanimous response of the Council. Every member is extremely eager to have you go, especially those members who know Asia at first hand by visit and service there. I could easily make your ears burn by quoting the remarks of four or five of your former colleagues, but I will spare you. However, when I next see you personally, I may report to you two or three of the statements, as they may have some influence, on a couple of different counts, in leading you to a favorable decision.

At the meeting of the Foreign Department of the Board on Monday report was made regarding your attitude toward the lectureship. The members of the Board feel the same way as the Executive Council --- perhaps even more so ! The Chairman, Dr. Herrick, requested the Secretary, Miss Sheppard, to draft a Minute expressing the Department's point of view. He later presented the Minute to the Board, which unan- imously expressed itself as hoping that you could take the lectureship. The Board's Minute was as follows:

"The Foreign Department Committee reported that Dr. Robert E. Speer was doubtful as to his acceptance of the Board's invitation that he be the next Joseph Cook Lecturer, preferably in 1939-40. The Board cordially and unanimously endorsed the earnest de- sire of the Committee and of the Missions to be visited that Dr. Speer will find it possible to undertake this important service for which he is preeminently qualified. The Board and Mission also covet the helpful contribution by Mrs. Speer who it is hoped would accompany her husband on this visit to Asia."

Dr. Herrick may have written you personally. If so I fear he may have placed more "pressure" upon you than you would like. Several times in Department meeting the expression was used, "We must place pressure upon Mr. Speer to go", and I ventured to intimate that too heavy and urgent pressure might not produce the result that every- one desires. However, you know Dr. Herrick much better than I do and will know how to interpret whatever he may write to you personally.

In as much as you spoke of the possibility of your writing to Dr. Erdman in connection with this lectureship, I am sending a copy of this letter to him.

Cordially yours,

George T. Scott
George T. Scott

GTS.w
CC to Dr. Erdman

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

April 21, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
 "Rockledge",
 Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

When I was talking with you last week regarding the Joseph Cook Lectureship I intimated that the amount of estimated income was "over \$ 5,000. " The income for the year just closed has now been added to the income accumulations since 1931 and I have just learned from the Treasurer's office that the balance of income now available in this Lectureship Fund is \$ 6,714.88.

This income can be expended only for the Joseph Cook Lectureship, and Joseph Cook himself and the Board as his trustee would be only too happy to have it used by you accompanied by Mrs. Speer on the next Lectureship in Asia. In my recent letter to you I intimated that Dr. Herrick as Chairman of the Foreign Department Committee would probably be writing to you. A note which I have from him this morning indicates that he has done so.

Trusting that you will find the way clear to accept this unusual opportunity for highly formative service in the world Christian movement which you have done so much to inspire and to advance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

George T. Scott
 George T. Scott

GTS.w

MRS. SAMUEL H. CHESTER
MONTREAT
NORTH CAROLINA

25th April.

Dear Mr. Speer. - Just a line to tell you that your loyal and loving friend and my dear husband and true lover will be leaving us soon.

The doctor says perhaps a week - perhaps a few days - so we are waiting.

He had a slight stroke Sunday - the second one - which ^{has} affected his throat and speech - he swallows with great difficulty.

I felt sure you would like to know - but please do not answer this - wait till I write you.

I should have written long ago to thank you for the lovely letter you sent me some time ago.

I did appreciate it, but my time has been filled to our sorrow.

My daughter who has been
with us all winter, and I often
as hard as it is to get him up, we
would not keep him to suffer as
he seems to do with this cold attack

Again and again I have thought
how glad I would be to go over again
our life - even thru the dark valley
in I have proved that He was with
me. And now it has looked
me that is exactly what our Father
wants or planning - not to have a short
earth life but an eternal one together
with perennial youth.

So the King is calling my beloved
husband and he must go - his promise
is ready.

Always love to you and
dear Mrs. Jewell -
Dpt. by

Lillian J. Child

South Side Hospital.

1313 RICHMOND ROAD

—WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

Dear Dr. Speer -

Your letter to Russell was awaiting me this morning - when I came in from my night's rest to Dick's home: that home & their love & day towards cumming ways are of such help to me. The assurance of your friendship & prayers are an added steady to those days of painful waiting.

I read your letter to Russell and he knew it as from you - tho he owned he didnt understand all - and I know it was a deep pleasure to him to know you were thinking of him. We had planned to stop to see you on our way to Silver Bay.

I hope you'll have a joyous visit with Estance & her little ones - it is such a delight to see them in their happiness & vigor.

Russell has too much fever today but they're giving him close attention - and

watching for any other cause than the
ups & downs of his condition.

Russell sleeps & sleeps & is conscious
his discomfort only - as aroused for care
when he is rational but not alert.

Most sincerely yours -
Jean H. Carter.

April 27th

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Fourth Presbyterian Church

WEST END AVENUE AND 91ST STREET
NEW YORK CITY

—
REV. BENJAMIN F. FARBER, D. D., PASTOR
RESIDENCE 631 WEST END AVENUE

April 28, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have your note regarding the report of the Nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary and I hasten to answer it.

I have always tried to comply with the requests of my brethren in situations similar to this one. I presented your correspondence to the Committee and told them of our personal conversations in this matter, but it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that there should be no change in the leadership of our Board at the present time. While we are all conscious of the fine feeling and the harmonious conduct of the business coming to the attention of our Board, there are some matters which have caused discussion by those who are always seeking to find some reason to question the conduct of the affairs at Princeton, and we believe that any change in the leadership of our Board at this time would be a mistake.

This is about all I can say in answer to your letter, except to add that this has been and is my personal conviction, as well as that of the Committee, and we feel that we must insist that for the present you shall continue to act as President of the Board of Trustees of our beloved Seminary.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

B. F. Farber

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TUNICA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

T. T. Williams, Minister

TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI

May 2, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer,

The people are still feeling the influence of your messages and visit and hoping you can come this way another time. It will always be a source of joy to me to count you and Mrs. Speer as my friends. The kind words of your letter shall always be treasured and I assure you they will make me a more humble minister of God. The book came and the letter is pasted in front of it. I know it will help me to read the life of such a noble hero of the Cross. Thank you so much for the gracious letter and the book.

The young people were richly blessed through the messages of Mrs. Speer and we feel she made a lasting contribution to the young life of our community.

Anna, the children and I enjoyed having you in our home and we hope to have you visit us again.

May God's richest blessing abide with you both.

T. T. Williams
Sincerely,

TIW/ko

86 Glendale ave

Albany NY July 4/39

My dear Mr Speer
New York City.

I read the extracts of sermons
preached in New York last Sunday
including your own and none of
them so far as I could see condemned
No words for being open at the
time that belongs to God only and
should be kept holy.

Now when any man devotes
is the slightest way from Gods
Commands it is disobedience and
the men who are managers the
Worlds fair no matter who they are
they are disobeying God.

It is an everlasting shame
to New York City and the Empire
State and to our nation that this

For more than twenty years I have regarded you as a man of God and do so now, but I want to say that the Church has gone to sleep while the trimodal Christ of God prays and sweats as it were great drops of blood.

Most truly & gratefully yours
W E Van Arken

ere is opened with all its worthless
amusements an - God's day. (2)

I have not heard of a single man
who claims to be a follower of the
almighty son of God say that it
is wrong to open it on Sunday.

In your sermon you spoke
of a man who said he had religion
enough to make him miserable.

As a matter of fact he did
not have any love of God in
his heart at all.

How can any person be miserable
who walks with God and does
his will on earth as it is in
heaven.

any person who says he has
enough of God in his heart to make
himself miserable is saying a thing
which is not true.

With God in his heart his
problems are solved his burdens

are borne and he will be happy
in Summer and in Winter.

I personally have no problems
to solve or burdens to bear for
they are all cast upon the Lord.

When men will humble themselves
under the mighty hand of God
casting all their care upon him
for he careth for them then and
not till then will they be happy and
contented.

There is only one way in
which man can ever be happy and
that is when he launches out into
the everlasting Kingdom of God
and touches the garment of the
omnipotent Son of God.

Do not take any of you
valuable time to answer this letter
as I am not asking any

PINE CLIFF
SILVER BAY ON LAKE GEORGE
NEW YORK

July 4, 1939.

Dear Dr. Sheer,

Last night, with my
and Jean Carter, I watched
moon rise tranquilly over
dark mountain top
and pour its shimmering beauty
ross the still lake. My
id went back, over
rty years, to a similar
ght before I had my first
erience of Silver Bay - as
member of the Mount-
lyoke delegation.
t was the last night of
conference - and the
overlight flooded the grounds
we gathered to feel the

Auditorium - and to hear
you give our farewell
message.

Your text was that of
pealing questions of Jesus
his disciples - "Will ye also
go away?" I remember
how you looked, - so un-
conscious of yourself; the
personal directness of your
voice; - and the whole idea
of your message. Through-
out these years I have
remembered it all. Many
times, when I have been
confronted with a question
of loyalty; - your message,
based on Jesus' words - has
come directly into my mind
like a clear bell ringing
down the years.

One of the elements in
the training of my - dear
Father and Mother was the

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SILVER BAY ON LAKE GEORGE
NEW YORK

expression of appreciation
and so last night I de-
termined to write you. I
know you will be happy
before that your words
when on this real Mount
Transfiguration, to a
group of girls so filled
with the idealism of youth,
to have one of my real
remarks thru the years.
I thank you for your
prayer at Mr. Carter's
side. You held the cup
comfort and courage
every heart.
You do not know me
I have never met you
personally. I was Mr.

Wyllie's secretary in Mor-
clair where I first knew
the Carters - one of the
great treasures of my
life. My husband is
minister of the Presby-
terian Church in Dover
Brook, New Jersey.

At present I am
spending a few days here
with Mrs. Carter whose
flag, as you would know
never trails.

Gratefully yours,
Florence Powell Rock
(Mrs. William W.)

it would be Litt. D. I venture
to guess he has, by now,
long since congratulated you
- unless, like me, the same
daily diversions, interruptions,
engagements, and other
fancied business has brot
up his continuity of purpo

Congratulations and
best wishes are none the
less sincere and bountif

I am still looking for
a new and "steady" job
a rather scarce and
desirable thing which we
men seem to be seeking
now-a-days. The writing
saleable manuscripts is
so simple a way out of
difficulty as I would like
to believe!

Yours ever
Tom Hotchkiss

19 E. 70 Street 53
New York City
July 6, 1939

Dr. Robert C. Speer
First Pres. Church
11 and 12 Streets - N. York City.

Dear Dr. Speer,

I am glad that at
last, even on Sunday July 2,
I had the privilege to hear
you speak. I happen to be
a lassie from North Dakota
and for several years I have
been a silent admirer of yours.
Many times while in N-York
I have gone to 156-5 Ave where
I have wanted to peep through
the key-hole of your office
door in order to catch one
nice glimpse of you - but

always my courage has failed me.
Then when last week I happened
to see in the paper that you were
to be in the pulpit at 5 Ave Pres. Church
I made every possible effort to be
there, nor was I disappointed.
I thank God for the message which
I heard, as I continue to ponder
upon its meaning - the meaning
of moral judgment in my little life.
I spent two terms in West
Africa as a missionary & came home
a failure. Home ward bound, a Dr.
Underhill spoke highly of you and
lent me one of your master pieces
wherein you spoke kindly to folks
like me - who had failed. Since
then I have loved you - for
altho' a champion high above the
level of men - you stooped low
enough to reach the kind like me.

My Board (I am Lutheran) has wanted me to return to the mission field - but I have lost faith in men, and I could not pray the prayer you prayed, Dr. Spur, for goodwill & the brotherhood of men. What shall I do?

I marvel at how you faced your audience last Sunday - as if you were willing to die for the cause of which you spoke - for Him. I should like to be a champion for the differences like you - God grant that I could be,

It does not seem possible that you shall read these lines - from me - its the only way I could get through the key-hole to tell you what a privilege it was for me to hear you speak, or was it the voice of "another" I heard? I cannot tell - but of this I'm sure I'm glad to have to see - Rev. Dr. Spur.

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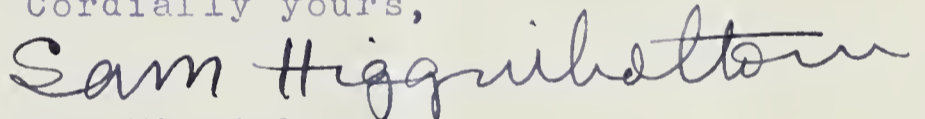
July 12, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

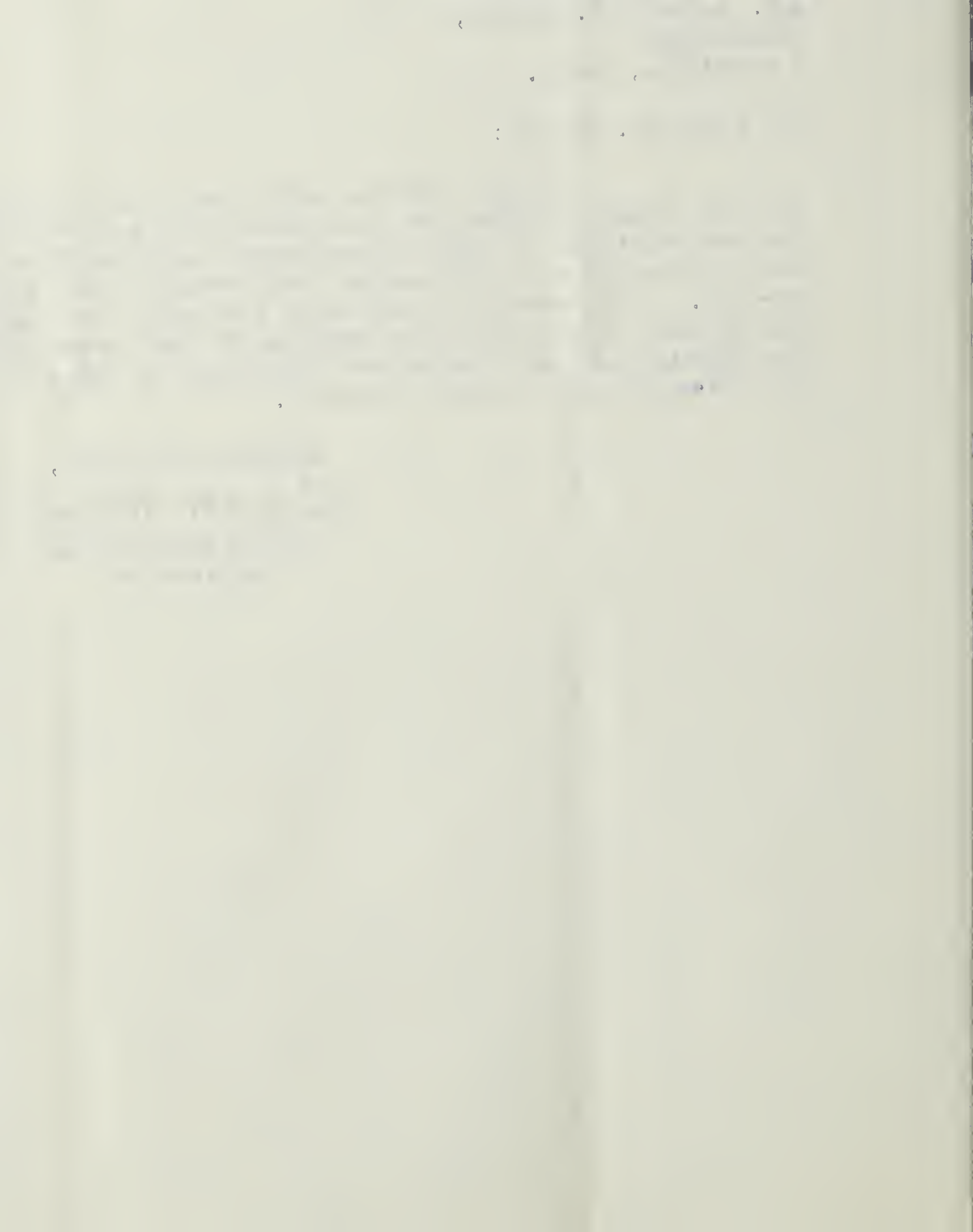
My dear Dr. Speer:

Thank you so much for your congratulations. As you know my life, you know that the age of miracles is not past, for I know no greater miracle than the boy you saw forty-five years ago on the "Pavonia" and his position to-day. You have been through the mill, and know how much the grace of God and the wisdom of God are needed in this position, and so I hope you continue to pray that these may be given to me in full measure.

Cordially yours,



Sam Higginbottom
Moderator



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The Wildmere
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Minnewaska, Ulster County, New York
George H. Smiley & Son, Inc

The Cliff House
TELEPHONE ELLENVILLE 680

July 24, 1939

Dear Mr. Speer,

It was very kind in-
 deed of you to send me the
 speech of Mr. Ellis's with the quotation
 of mine - Indeed you do not realize,
 perhaps, quite how encouraging it was
 because one often feels that what one
 accomplishes is very small compared
 to the time spent and I often won-
 der after a series of rejections if my
 time might not be better spent in
 some other way - One should not
 write for recognition of course
 as I tried to say in my poem

but for a accomplishment. I liked
Mr. Ellis's sermon, too, a pet theme of
mine. Perhaps you will be interested
in the enclosed poem I wrote which
I very lamely tried to express the
power latent in words. I know many
words of yours have "set-me free"

I wish it were possible for you
Emma and Holly and the Chels
(if they are with you) to come over to
lunch some day. We have it at one
standard time. We are to have
Mr. and Mrs William H. Murray
here next month. Mr & Mrs Sloughly
are here for the summer and Mr &
Mrs Mellon Stauffer came to-day.

Please give Emma so much love.
You must be very proud of Holly's
success in the new school.

With warm thanks

Jean Carter Cochran

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112 Cambridge Ave.
St Paul. Minn. 7/29/39

My dear Mr. Speer;

I was delighted to see a letter today in your handwriting. You have so wide an interest in all phases of our Savior's Kingdom that I could not but take it as highly gratifying that you should think of one so far out in the west.

I am deeply interested in hearing from my friends, and despite the suffering of the disease, nevertheless I am receiving so many kind and affectionate letters and am so supported by my own Christian faith, believing in the greatness of our religion, that I am passing the time
(over)

in a very hopeful mood and await the final verdict in a very hopeful and comfortable state of mind. Am fortunate to have all the children around me, except the will of the Readers Digest, who in carrying on so big an enterprise that it is only at intervals of two weeks when I can see him for a day or two.

From the time of my boyhood during the Civil War I have been greatly interested in application of the principles of our religion to the state and to politics, and between my years of 80 and 90 I have devoted my spare time to a study of the Bible from the standpoint of politics and the state. The product of my thinking has been a U.S. Compend to 372 printed pages. It is expected to be off the press in three weeks.

I shall gladly send you a free copy, and I need not tell you how interested I would be in hearing your opinion of the work, which I hope may be given without bias of your mind on account of your friendly relations to me.

With great respect and admiration for you, and the extraordinary work you have done, I am
 Yours very cordially
 James Wallace
 P.S.D.

Note: Father's "malignant ulcer" has developed into cancer of the abdominal tract and of the lungs. He sleeps well, feels uncomfortable but suffers little severe pain, has a very poor appetite. The doctors give him only a few weeks at the most. - P. -

Idlewild Presbyterian Church

1750 UNION AVENUE

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

THOMAS KAY YOUNG
MINISTER

July 30, 1939.

Dr. Robert Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut

My very dear Dr. Speer:

Though compelled to send many identical notes of appreciation we had purposed, as in many other cases, to tell you personally that we appreciated your sympathy and your affectionate communication. By an office oversight one of those block letters was sent to you, and I must now follow my innermost desire to assure you that I feel the uplift of your understanding, for you and Mrs. Speer have also suffered the most exquisite grief and yet borne yourselves with a most triumphant fortitude and faith, so that we have in your example mighty encouragement in the flood that threatens to overwhelm us. We are of that veritable army who thank God for every remembrance of you and who believe that your capacious hearts do literally enfold your sorrowing friends in affectionate solicitude and prayer. Be assured that we in turn have you in our hearts and pray God that you both may be long spared to inspire the Church as you have increasingly done for half a century.

You will not think me fulsome when I say that my lovely Hattie regarded you both with abounding admiration and christian love. Many times she expressed the wish that we could see more of you and that if she could choose our special-speakers she would engage you as our regular annual visitor, both for your self, Dr. Speer, and for the joyous privilege of having a week with Mrs. Speer. And so say we all, for we love you and count your presence with us a major benediction. She had even become interested in a trek through the northeast that we might have a day with you in your good home. How true the poet's sentence:

"The best laid schemes o'mice and men
Gang aft agley
And leave us nought but grief and pain
For promised joy!"

Living, as we did, in happy communion throughout twenty-eight years and sharing with each other every sort of experience it is impossible for us now to escape loneliness and a feeling of unparalleled loss. That is the fire we must pass through and our great concern is that we shall not fail to receive the refinement appointed for us in it. But all the while we are richly comforted by every thought of her and our blessed years together; we are unspeakably happy that she is ~~now~~ like Him Whom she so much loved and present with Him forevermore, and we are enjoying such a sublime peace through His merciful visitations that we marvel at it and love Him with our whole heart.

Our family reorganization is fairly complete already. Tom and Anne have moved in with us. Helen will be quietly married on next Saturday and return to take charge



of the home. Mary Elizabeth and I will turn to each other when we are "slighted" by the newly-weds in their ardor for each other. ^{they} By keeping my family in tact for a year or so I can be of real help to them and can help me become readjusted to my new necessities.

With warm greetings to you and lovely Mrs. Speer, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Tom Young
Tom Young.



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ADVISER ON POLITICAL RELATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

August 19, 1939.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your letter of August 17 and the little book entitled "Christians in Action, A Record of Work in War-time China", came to me in yesterday's mail.

With regard to your three requests: First, I have read the book, last night, with great interest. Second, I am sending it on today to the Secretary of State (who is at White Sulphur Springs), by mail, with your request and mine in concurrence that he read it. Third, if you will send me a copy of the book, for transmission to your daughter in Peiping, I would do my best toward seeing that it reaches her safely.

I appreciate the expression of sympathy with which you conclude your letter. It is encouraging to have such assurances. And, I thank you for bringing to my attention the book under reference above.

With cordial regards -- always, I am

Yours sincerely,

Stanley K. Hornbeck

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Connecticut.



August 7, 1939.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I finished reading "George Bowen of Bombay" some time ago and want to thank you for writing it. His life surely shows the power and presence of God in a completely surrendered soul. I got acquainted with Mrs. W. W. Bruere, whose testimony you include in the last chapter, while we were on our last furlough. Her son Bowen was my classmate at Princeton Seminary and I was in correspondence with him shortly before he died in Bombay, while still a young man. I can remember his deep earnestness in prayer in his room in Alexander Hall and how Pardee Erdman, unlike him in temperament, came a number of times to see him.

The Board deputation has come and gone and it was a pleasure to have them in our home. Dr. Emmons stayed with us; he was pastor of the Stroudsburg, Pa. Church when that Church sent us to India as their representatives in 1913. "Pete" always says that we are their substitutes in India, for he and Mrs. Emmons had hoped to come. It was a joy to help him get some carved wood tables and trays for which Saharanpur is famous, and he wrote us a very nice letter from Karachi just before he took the plane to Persia. Dr. Odell knew my brother Harold and he said the moment he stepped onto the verandah that he could recognize me as Harold's brother. Leroy Dodds spoke in Urdu in our Seminary Chapel and he hadn't forgotten many words, his full-face smile helping him to get his meaning understood where there was a slight hesitancy in vocabulary. I sat next to Miss Schultz at station dinner and I'm afraid we were guilty of talking about you some! Perhaps your ears burned a little. Miss Frame impressed us all, and we are particularly grateful to her because she later helped our son Erdman when he and Mason Harper passed through Shanghai on their way to America.

I have recently completed reading H. V. Morton's "Through Lands of the Bible" and enjoyed it very much. He describes his experiences in out-of-the-way places in Mesopotamia, Arabia and Egypt. My wife and I have also enjoyed Nora Waln's "Reaching for the Stars" because of her kindly understanding of German people and her clear portrayal of the detrimental hold the present Government has upon them. There is a book that I have nearly finished which reminds me of your good advice to mingle the old with the present-day; "Selected English Sermons" from the sixteenth to the nineteenth centuries. Some of the preachers are Hugh Latimer, Jeremy Taylor, Robert South, Thomas Chalmers, Bishop Butler and Cardinal Newman. Earlier in the year I read Dr. Kraemer's great book and feel that if Dr. Stanley Jones' contention about the Tambaram conference falling short is in any way applicable, it is not in the way that Dr. Jones feels, i.e. in its emphasis on the Church as against his idea of the Kingdom, but the conference did not rise to the high implications of "The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World" as it should.

With sincere personal regards to you and Mrs. Speer in which my wife joins me, I am,

Most sincerely yours,
Howard Anderson

BULGARIAN CONSULATE GENERAL
NEW YORK

Aug. 21, 1939.

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,
Laxeville, Conn.,

Dear Dr. Speer:
After staying here some days with
our son and seeing the World's Fair,
my wife and I return home on
next Wed.

Yesterday we were in Princeton
and guests to prof. F. N. Wilson.
He showed me the book "George
Bawman of Bombay", with
your note and the printed leaf-
let stuck in it "Elliott Speer".

This leaf addressed " " in-
pressed me so deeply, that, al-
though I dare not ask for
the book itself - which I looked
into and liked it immensely,
I beg of you to send me at least

the leaf for a reprint in Bul-
garian to suit a similar
purpose in our country.

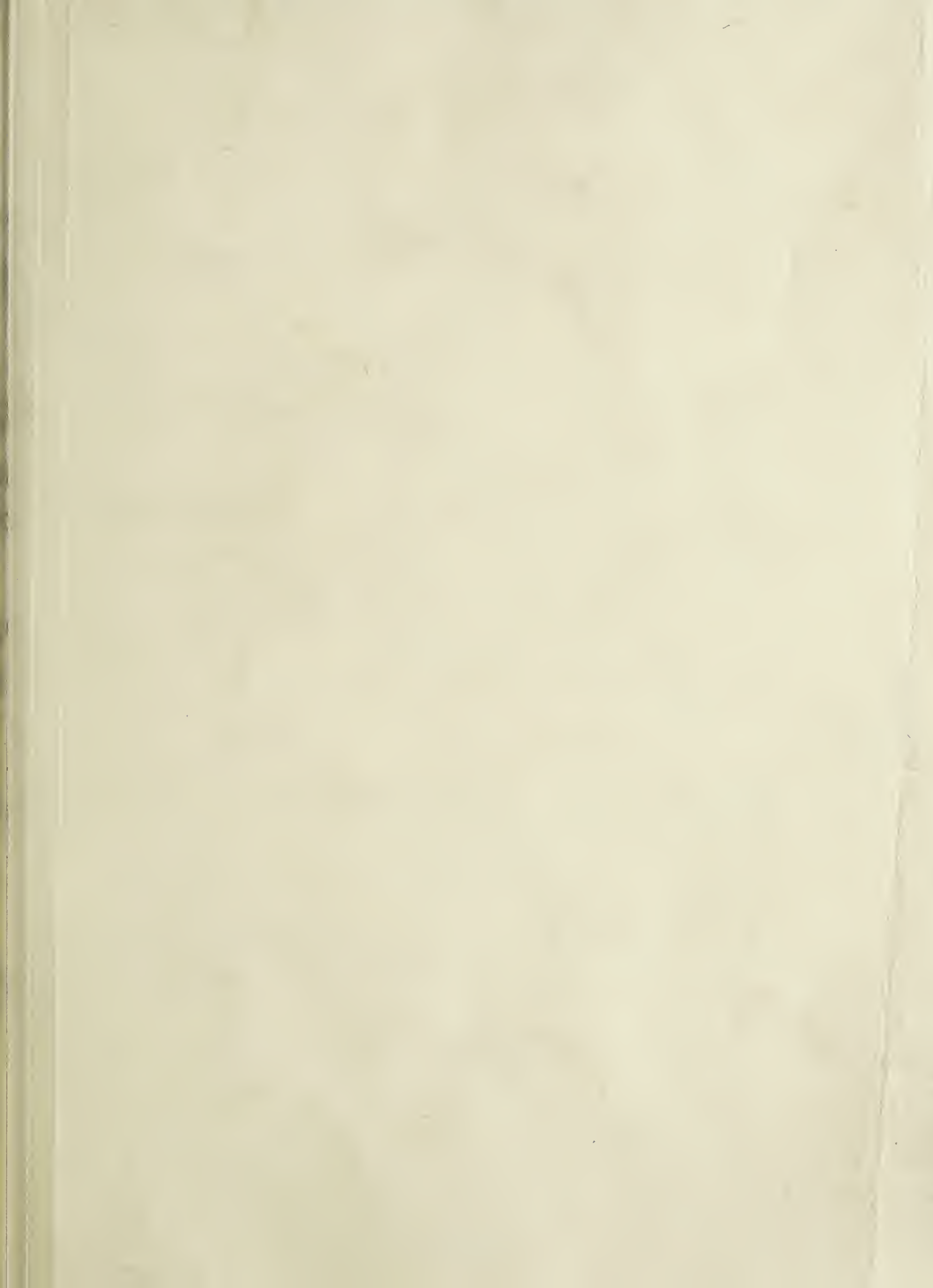
When I returned to Bu-
garia in 1898 I had among
my books "The Principles of
Jesus". Wish I had taken
along at least 20 copies. Ma-
ny of our pastors have asked
me to get it for them. Can we
order it? Where from?

156 Fifth Ave. is not the ad-
dress for me without you need
consulted Dr. Mc Dowell.

Wishing you God's richest
blessings in your years of pre-
activity,

Yours frat.,

D. N. Turcayeff





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Dr. Robert E. Speer,

My dear Dr. Speer:

I believe I heard you quote a poem during The Laymen's
Missionary Meetings in Chicago in 1910 which ran as
follows: "It's great to be out where the fight

is strong;
Out where the heaviest troops belong
To fight for God and man!"

It is my earnest desire to obtain the entire poem, if
possible, and I wonder if you might be able to send it to
me. If you did not quote it at the time, it may be quite
possible that you heard it and might be able to help me
to get it in full.

What a long life of service you have been able to render!
You and dear Dr. Erdman have been the subjects of much
condemnation, as well as criticism! Cheer up! One is your
Master - the Lord Christ. Some who claim to be his
servants "par-excellence" are utter strangers to His Spirit.
The Lord bless you and still use you in your retirement
for His glory! I regret I do not have a U.S.A. stamp; but
I am sure this will not matter. Thanking you for your kind
reply, I am
Faithfully and sincerely yours,

Henry W. Uffelin



Wilson W.C.
Sept 8 1929.

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Dear Mr Spew:

I trust the summer assembly
at Montreat proved a great
blessing to every one present.

My husband and my self
are both gravely ill.

Now you please say a
prayer for us. Please ask
God to give us faith to
trust him completely and
to heal us of it can be
his holy will.

May God Bless your great work.
Mr Admire.

Mrs A.P. Lamm

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Stony Wood,

Lake Kuschagwa, N.Y.

September 9, 1939

My dear Dr. Spur,

I am deeply grateful to you for your kindness in writing to me and want to thank you for your most helpful letter.

Hearing from you means a great deal to me because of past associations as well as for the inspiration of your message. Your tribute to my Father touches me deeply.

Although I am a stranger to you, you are not one to me. Many times I have heard my Father speak of you and my first meeting with you was, I believe, at Tassar some twenty years ago when

you preached in our chapel. In subsequent years, I have heard you in various times in New York churches. My Mother and I have been alone, and have made it a point to hear you whenever possible, and just this week received a letter from Mother in which she said that she attended the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday and found your message a source of comfort and strength. She added that it did her so much good to talk to you in the service for you always remember and are so kind and sympathetic.

Your understanding letter assures that I need not tell you of the problems that are mine at the moment. Feeling each experience in life to have its purpose I hope that I may learn the many things which these years can teach me.

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but I also realize that I can not
do it alone. The help of our Heavenly
Father, of my Mother and my friends
is my constant need. I do thank you
with all my heart for your manifestation
of friendship.

Most cordially yours,

Marion B. Lindemuth



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September 12, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Joy has told me about your sermon on September 3rd at the First Presbyterian Church on the text "Ye err because ye know not the Scriptures." From what he says, I feel that I must come to you with the earnest request that you let me have the opening part of the sermon as he described it, for use as an initial article of one of my early issues of the Bible Society Record, for it will tie up our work with the stern necessities of the present hour in a way that will stimulate all who read it without giving offense to anyone.

Knowing the Bible Society Record as you do, you might find time to recast the thoughts to which Dr. Joy refers or, if you prefer, let me have the manuscript for recasting myself. I usually allocate room for an initial article of about six to eight hundred words.

Mrs. Stifler and I were among the tens of thousands who heard you in your magnificent pronouncement at the Baptist World Conference at Atlanta. Baptists were honored to have you as the spokesman for our uniting Protestantism.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Francis Carr Stifler

Editorial Secretary

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Sept. 14, 1939

My dear Dr. Speer,

Last night at our Wednesday evening prayer service the Rev. Dr. Dilts, who had heard your preach at the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday, the 10th, came home to Penney Farms and spoke at the meeting with such enthusiasm of your wonderful sermon that I simply cannot resist writing to you.

I thought it would please you to know that the earnest message you gave on Sunday had reached Florida by Wednesday.

It also made me think of the days when I had the privilege of listening to you so often when I was a member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church many years ago. I would likely be there yet if I had not married a clergyman myself. He retired two years ago and if ever you come to Florida you should not miss a visit to this ideal resting place where ninety ministers and their wives can find perfect harmony and plenty work still if they want it.

Again I want to thank you for the many helpful messages you gave me and to congratulate you on the power you have to inspire others. With kind regards

Sincerely yours

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Sept. 14, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Professor Drury has just brought to the library the set of the ASSEMBLY HERALD which you have been good enough to present to us. If you could have been in the office when Dr. Drury brought them in, you would have no doubt about our enthusiasm for this invaluable accession to our Presbyteriana, which cannot be put into a letter, but I suspect that you can appreciate in some measure how much we value your gift. We are slowly gathering a library on this Coast commensurate with our growing responsibilities. Without the generosity of such friends as you, we could not hope to realize our wishes for the library.

I regret that a preaching engagement in your old parish church at Englewood this summer prevented my enjoying your lectures here, but everyone is enthusiastic about them.

With the best of all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Lynn T. White
Librarian.

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September 15, 1939

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Secretary Emeritus
Presbyterian Board of Foreign
Missions
Care 156 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Speer,

Some two or three months ago my father made out a short list of men to whom copies of his Fundamentals of Christian Statesmanship should be sent at the earliest moment. Your name was on the list. He hoped very much that you and a few other Christian leaders would find the book worthy of your commendation to wider groups, and he looked forward eagerly to the opinions of these men. Unfortunately he did not live to see the book in print, but the members of his family are naturally interested that the book should have a wide circulation. I trust that you will be able to review the book favorably in some publication.

I personally should be much interested in your opinion, including your judgment concerning the probable circulation of the book. The new war should increase interest in this discussion of the subject, but I am a little afraid that there is too much politics in the book for some of our courses in religion, and too much religion for most courses in politics.

Sincerely yours,

Benj. B. Wallace

Benjamin B. Wallace
3112 S. Dakota Ave., N.E.
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October 22, 1942

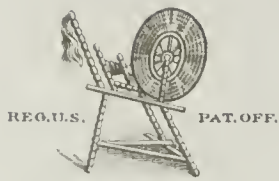
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Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. Fisher:

I am glad to hear that you are interested in the ...
of the ...
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I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

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I am sure you will find the information ...

Sincerely,
[Signature]

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September 23, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Rockledge,
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert,-

I have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your good letter of September 20th in answer to mine of the 18th. I think I have your whole thought on this property matter clearly in mind, and, so far as my own judgment is concerned, I am entirely in accord with all you have written. When opportunity comes to discuss the matter I shall quote your report of 1922 fully and use the other material that you have given me as though it were my own, since it is wholly in accord with my own thought and judgment.

Yours sincerely,

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First Presbyterian Church
Seattle, Washington

Sept. 23, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear, dear Bob:

Some one told me you had gone to Europe -- that you packed up your B.V.D.s and your pants and left on the boat without saying a word to the butler, the janitor, the cook, or anyone else. I worried and fretted about you, wondering if you were over there in the midst of the devils or marooned by some of the demons.

I am so glad to hear from you. Delighted that you are home and have a few weeks' rest. Am hungry to see you. I am lonesome, I need to talk to you. Why in the name of common sense, didn't you come to see me when you were on the Coast? Will you be on the Coast this winter? If so, could you come to see us? Let me know.

I have been pretty sick this summer, but have not stopped work except for two weeks which I spent sitting in a hotel in San Francisco. Wife and I spent two weeks there. Gladys and her husband spend one week end with us and Junior and his wife and children spent the other week end. My blood pressure shot up to 210. But I am better now, altho my sciatic nerve has been giving me fits.

I pray that you and Mrs. Speer are well. Pray for me, Bob. The world is certainly on a toboggan slide. In fact, it has already gone to the devil, it is now sliding the corpse down.

God bless you. You have my sincere love, Bob. I pray for you and think of you.

Your true friend,

God bless you.

M. A. Mathews

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THE OGONTZ SCHOOL
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Dear Mr. Speer

Your sermon was the great enthusiasm of the year. How can you present such a formidable array of illustrations! We all thank you for coming. It seems to me that I have never seen you more radiant with Christ's spirit.

Most sincerely

for THE OGONTZ SCHOOL
St Austin

I have just returned from Australia

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October 31 1939

37 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dear Doctor Speer,

Imagine with what pleasure I opened your letter of Sept. 28th with its words of congratulation for my dear wife and myself on the completion of our sixtieth year of married life.

Your reference to the activities of the Economy Club (I think that is what we called it) under your leadership brought back many happy memories of men who have passed

through this world
on their journeys and
of others - Stephen
Forbes, Bill Harned
for example - who are
steep in the land of
living. You and I have
led busy lives and
along parallel but
non-converging lines
I wish we might have
seen more of each other.

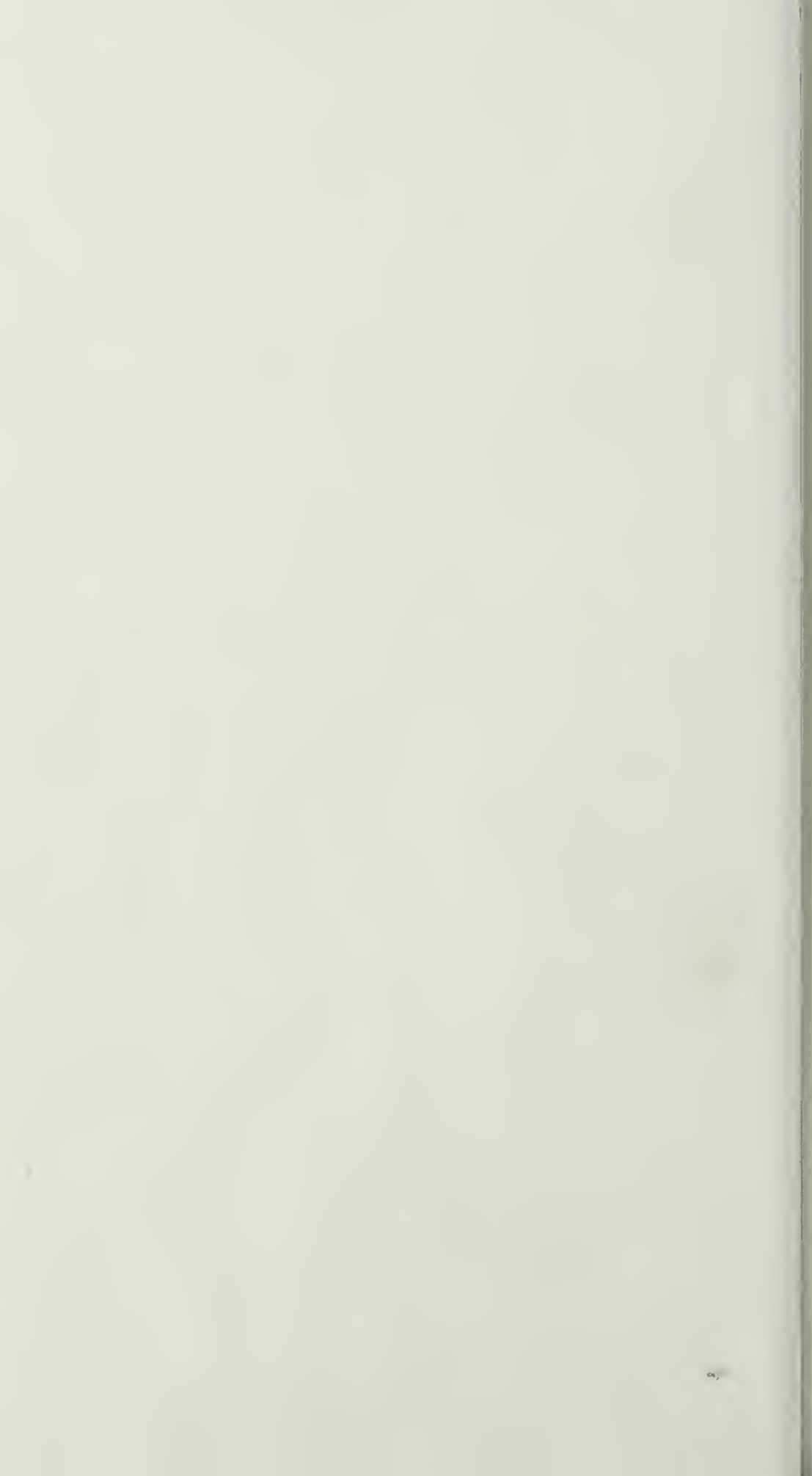
I cannot tell you
how much I prize
your letter -

Mrs Fiske Jones

intending to you our
heartly thanks and best
wishes for more years
of usefulness & happiness

Sincerely yours

Harvey E. Fisk



PAUL DE SCHWEINITZ, D. D.
EPISCOPUS FRATRUM
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October 9th, 1939.

My dear Dr. Spear:-

Yesterday afternoon I finished rereading for the second time (many parts third and fourth time) your book on "The Meaning of Christ to me".

I cannot recall whether I wrote to thank you after reading it the first time, but be that as it may I want to thank you now, for it was a strengthening of my own faith, greatly needed at this time.

The last chapter or lecture on the Second Coming of our Lord is especially beautiful.

Every Sunday morning in our Church Litany we pray

"Hasten the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and may we be accounted worthy to stand before Him.

Lord, for Thy coming us prepare:

May we to meet Thee without fear,

At all times ready be:

In faith and love preserve us sound;

O let us day and night be found

Waiting with joy to welcome Thee.

Keep us in everlasting fellowship with the Church Triumphant, and let us rest together in Thy Presence from our labors:

Hear us, gracious Lord and God."

That represents the position of our Church on this great doctrine and also my own personal position.

I cannot have any sympathy with those, who ~~are~~ in these days are continually asserting, that the present world situation is the assured evidence, that our Lord is now coming.

But how one does yearn to pray with St. John, the Divine:- "Amen. Come Lord Jesus. Come quickly."

There does not seem to be any solution of the present world situation, unless the Lord comes. The outlook is most gloomy and terribly depressing. And what an indescribable blessing it would be in one's own life, if the Lord would come!

Have you ever published anything on the great mysterious problem of unanswered prayer? I can find nothing in the list of your published works.

The promises of our Lord seem so absolutely limitless, and yet practical experience points to unnumbered unanswered prayers. I have in my library only one book, which tries frankly to meet this problem, and that is Sir Robert Anderson's "The Silence of God". That was published in 1913, and he begins with the unanswered prayers of the Armenians in the awful massacres of the late 90's. But think of all that has happened since then. He of course does not really solve the problem.

Think of the millions of agonized prayers, that are being unanswered even now. What shall we think of the prayers for peace that were offered before the fatal September days? Must we assume that all were merely formal or offered without faith?

And quite apart from the present world situation, what can we say about the unanswered prayers without ⁱⁿ our own personal experiences? ~~of~~

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Of course I know very well the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ ^{con}ventional and so to say "orthodox" answers to these problems. Have I not again and again ~~have~~ had to use them in public preaching and in private "cure of souls", but these traditional answers do not really satisfy and do not seem to rhyme with the promises especially in St. John 's Gospel.

I can think of many cases within my own experience, when prayers which would have seemed to be well within the will of ^{the} Lord have remained unanswered even unto this day with disastrous consequences.

Of course I admit without any reservation that the fault is not with the Lord, but with the one who prayed or with the one, for whom the prayer was made, but that does not solve the problem and brings no comfort to the troubled soul.

Pardon me for inflicting all this upon you, but I could not resist the urge to unburden my heart with some of the thoughts that are pressing heavily upon me.

With affectionate greetings,
Faithfully yours,

Paul de Ruveing

PAUL DE SCHWEINITZ, D. D.
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October 14, 1939.

My dear Mrs. Speer,

Within the last few days I have had the very strong conviction that in the projected Religious Education Building in the State College Presbyterian Church in the unit given over to the work of the Westminster Foundation, there ought to be some tangible memorial to the contribution your family have made to Christ's cause throughout the world.

Our Westminster Foundation here is planning a section of the Religious Education Building with a Gothic Chapel that will seat some two hundred. Four meeting rooms similar to the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior Class Prayer Meeting Rooms in Murray Dodge Hall in Princeton, especially at the time of my class, 1915. Each one of these four rooms will be planned as distinct in itself, with beautiful pictures that will make fellowship inviting. We hope also to have a library with facilities for quiet meditation. There will also be a fireside room, accommodating some seventy-five students, with stones from significant places of religious interest, such as Mars Hill, the Lake of Galilee, the Mount of Olives, Northfield, etc.

The Dr. Harold McAfee Robinson Memorial Fellowship was established last spring to commemorate the influence of Dr. Robinson. Miss Ione V. Sikes, a person with a very distinguished record in Christian education throughout the country, lately Assistant Director of Young Peoples' Work under the Board of Christian Education, has been designated as the first recipient of this Fellowship.

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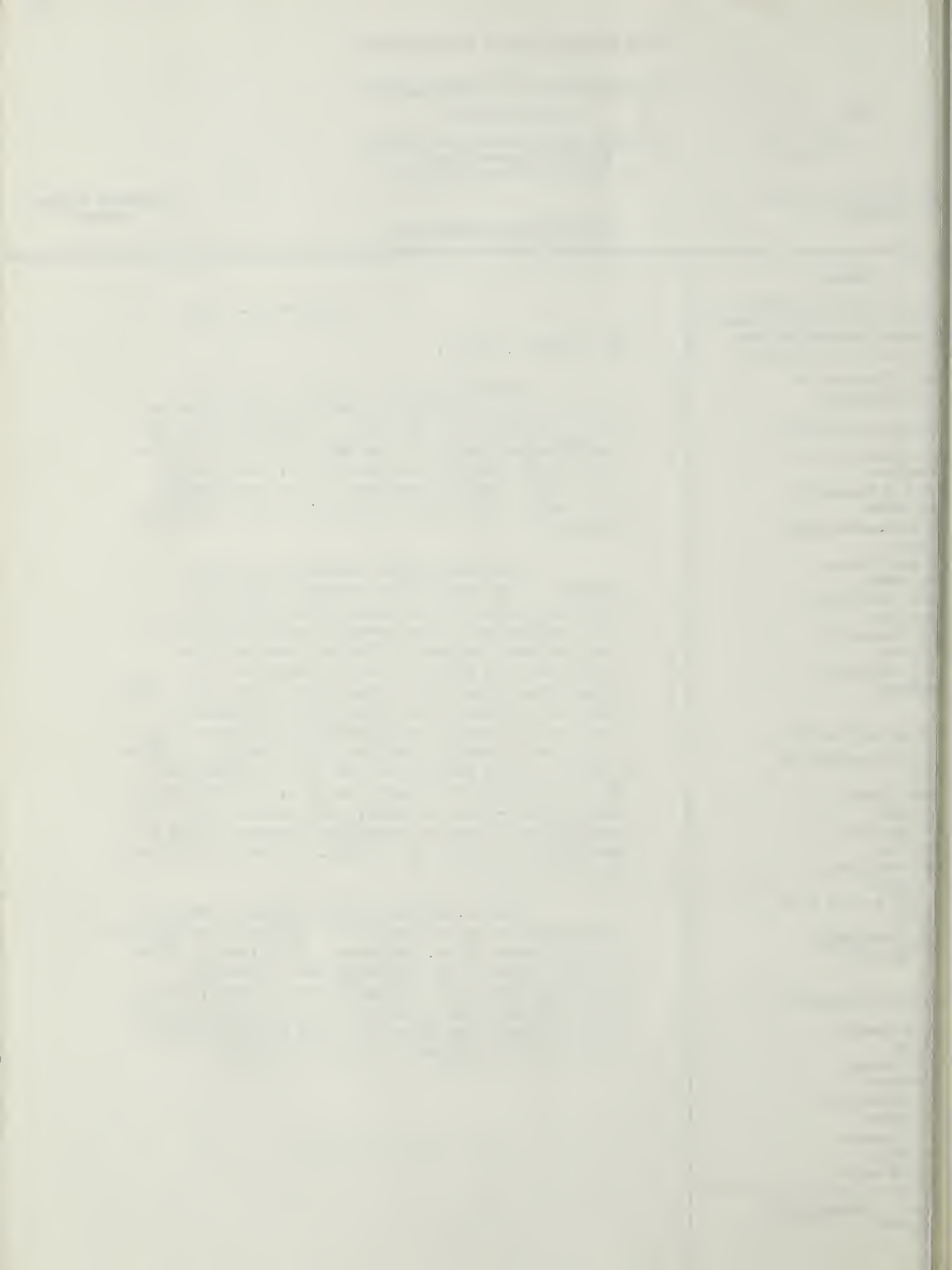
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I came to know Elliott during the years 1919 to 1922 while I was a student in Princeton Seminary and he was in the University. I recall his asking about my opinion of his going to Northfield to be associated with Mr. Will Moody. My brother John was his predecessor at Lafayette as Head of the Bible Department.

I have known your husband for more than a quarter of a century.

The conviction that has come to me has been that of setting aside one of these four meeting rooms, or the library, or the fireside room, as a memorial to the Christian contribution of your distinguished son and husband. I am confident that friends in Huntingdon as well as in Harrisburg would be happy to participate in the establishment of such a memorial. Mr. Vance C. McCormick is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Westminster Foundation here as is Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, formerly of Pine Street, and also Pit Van Dusen.

My home for many years was in Harrisburg, where my father served as State Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Edward Bailey was an intimate friend of my late mother.

Dr. Speer was born in Huntingdon Presbytery and has always been claimed as one of our distinguished sons.

Our Board of Trustees is definitely related to the Sesqui-Centennial Fund for Christian Education. There is not the slightest doubt in my mind but what funds are to be made available throughout the Synod of Pennsylvania for the Westminster Foundation unit.

Tonight the architect is to present some of his drawings of the quarters to be occupied by the Westminster Foundation. Last week a member of the Board of Trustees pledged \$1,000 to the Westminster Foundation Building Fund. The local congregation has already pledged approximately \$29,000 thus far. The ultimate success of the undertaking does not seem to be in doubt.

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I am communicating with you somewhat informally to present this matter to you for your judgment. I have not as yet presented this to the Board of Trustees and am therefore acting on my own responsibility. Naturally, I would not feel free to write Dr. Speer, knowing his innate Christian humility, since it concerns him. I have not written as yet to your daughter-in-law.

It happens also that the Reverend Robert L. Dieffenbacher, the Director of our Sesqui-Centennial Program in the interests of this project, was a student in Lafayette, and came under the influence of Elliott when Elliott served as Chaplain there.

I should be glad to come to New York to discuss the matter more in detail if you felt it necessary before the family gave their willing consent for such an evidence of lasting remembrance. The united witness of yourself, your husband, your son and your daughter ought not to be passed by without deep gratitude to God. I am confident many would welcome the opportunity of having a share in making such a lasting tribute possible.

With kindest good wishes to you, your daughter Margaret, and your husband. Please remember me very kindly to William, whom I met in England in the summer of 1932 at the Conference of the British Student Christian Movement. Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,



Donald W. Carruthers
Director of The Westminster
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First Presbyterian Church
Seattle, Washington

Oct. 17, 1939.

Dr. Robert Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Bob:

Your beautiful letter is like a bouquet of fresh flowers just plucked from the garden and brought to my room.

Pray that I may soon be well and strong. I would like to fight on for fifty years more. We have a great battle before us.

The demons and the demon possessed are carrying their fight into the very presence of Christ. We will have to fight as we have never fought.

Carry on Bob. Send me that series of lectures as soon as you get them out. I want to read them.

Your true friend,

M. A. Matthews

M. A. MATTHEWS

God bless you

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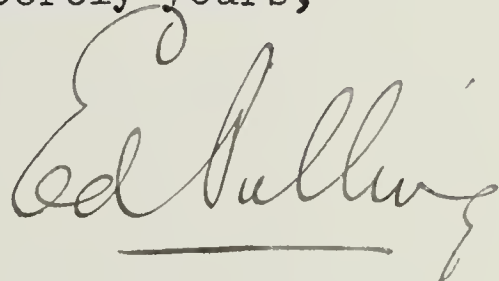
October 17, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I can't thank you enough for the perfectly grand talk that you gave us on Sunday afternoon. I tremendously appreciated your willingness to come on such short notice and it was a joy to have you and Mrs. Speer here again. The general consensus of opinion here was that your talk was one of the best we have ever had at Millbrook School.

Sincerely yours,


Ed Bulling

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Barbara Calif.

GEORGE H. DORAN

P. O. BOX 157
SAN GABRIEL
CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Doran.

It is most refreshing to
see your familiar hand
writing again after all
the years. I am deeply
complimented that you
should be reading with
any pleasure and
interest my assortment
in authorship.

Alexander was one
of the finest, simplest
and most charmingly
direct men I have
ever known. With
considerable means
at his disposal he
published the Cambridge
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works man in
his own yacht.

He was a ~~man~~ ~~of~~ ~~mathematical~~ ~~ecclesiastical~~ ~~mind~~. ~~He~~ ~~himself~~ ~~a~~ ~~man~~ ~~of~~ ~~wide~~ ~~culture~~ ~~he~~ ~~brought~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~English~~ ~~contribution~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~great~~ ~~religious~~ ~~&~~ ~~philosophical~~ ~~mind~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~ ~~over~~. ~~As~~ ~~professor~~ ~~was~~. ~~He~~ ~~and~~ ~~his~~ ~~contributions~~ ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~simple~~ ~~was~~ ~~could~~ ~~that~~ ~~follow~~ ~~the~~ ~~significance~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~University's~~ ~~effort~~ ~~at~~ ~~a~~ ~~library~~ ~~purchase~~ ~~of~~ ~~manuscripts~~. ~~This~~ ~~in~~ ~~fact~~ ~~was~~ ~~above~~ ~~doubt~~ - ~~had~~ ~~he~~ ~~been~~ ~~an~~ ~~evangelical~~ ~~of~~ ~~would~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~concrete~~ ~~in~~ ~~describing~~ ~~him~~. ~~But~~ ~~it~~ ~~all~~ ~~seems~~

GEORGE H. DORAN

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that you in highest
esteem as
a student among
Christians and
also among men
& women as well
your reaction to
the present changing
religious world.
It is a long long road
from W.L. Wood on
F.B. Meyer's ground
leading to Fordic
and others. It
is almost a long
road from crowd
houses of worship
to present day
indifference.
For now than
fifty years

GEORGE H. DORAN

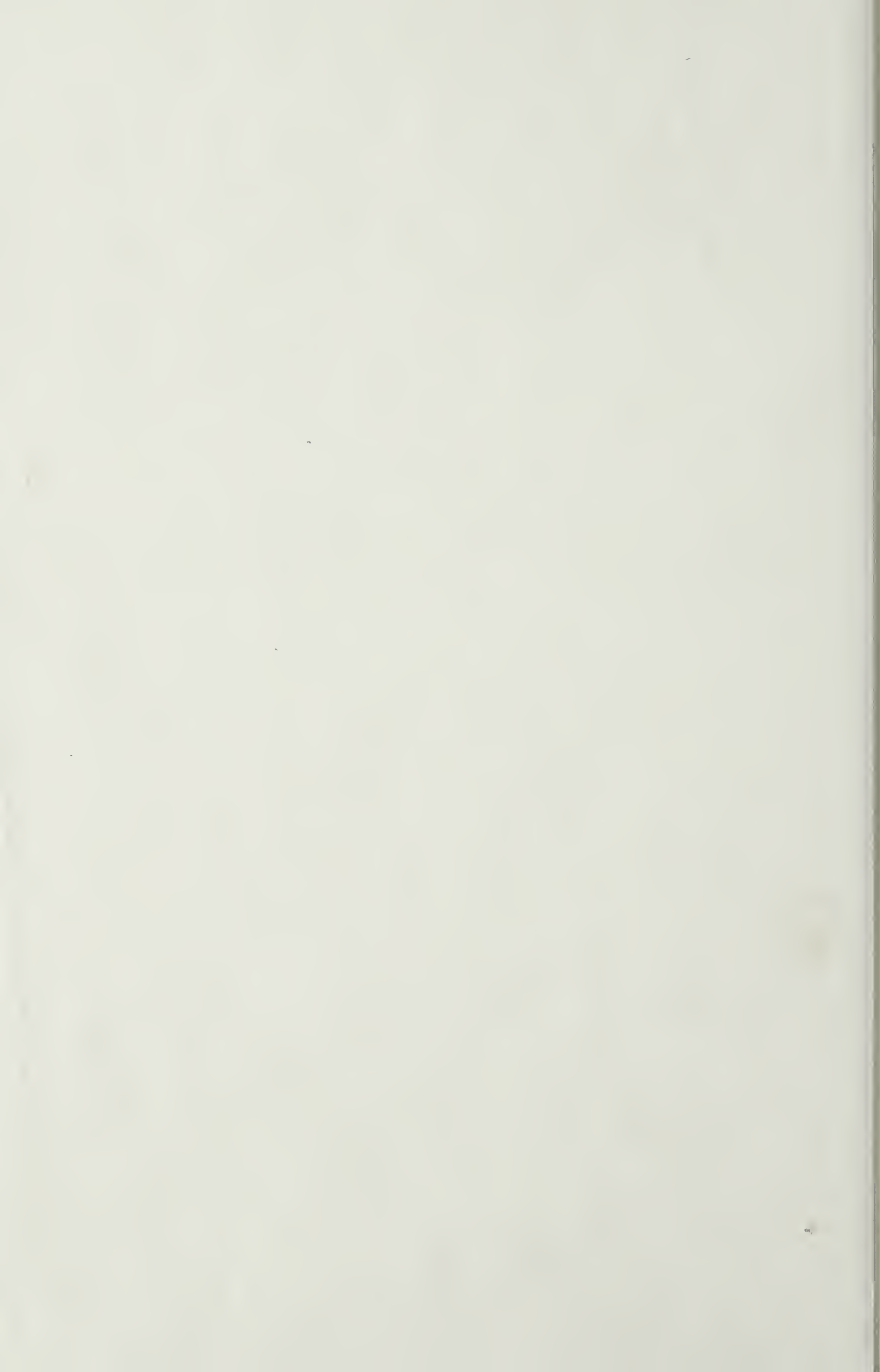
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SAN GABRIEL
CALIFORNIA

lived in the presence
 of unyielding idealism -
 knew of its strength
 & value of the physical
 unshakable of body
 of its protagonist and
 how at 70 he pursued
 with by persistence
 faith unimpaired
 but not loathing in
 articulation.

a long & possibly tedious
 letter - forgive me.

Your letter was long
 delayed in reaching
 me - coming out yesterday.
 with great regard
 & admiration

Yours truly,
 George H. Doran



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October 23, 1939

Mr. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Speer:

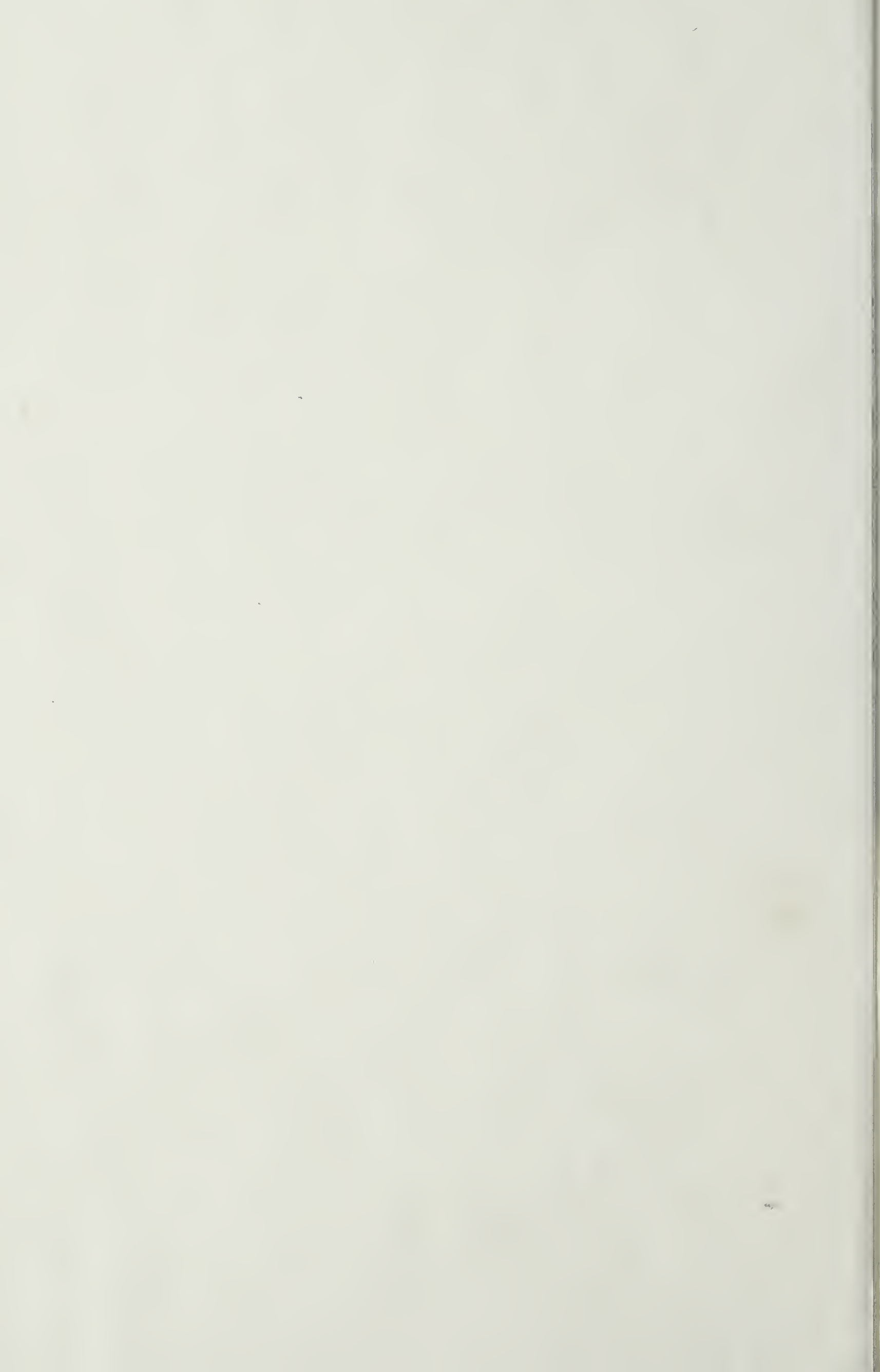
I appreciate so much your interest and charming way of expressing it. I am glad to picture you on such a firm foundation in rock-ribbed Connecticut, and hope to see you from time to time there or in New York or Princeton.

With best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

Frank McCoy
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FRMC:P



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October 23rd 1939

311 WALNUT STREET
ENGLEWOOD, N.J.

Dear Rob

In days past I had great difficulty in puzzling my way through Wallace's praise of life on the farm. Who am I to make shaming comment on any one's handwriting! Yet I must say that I was able with unexpected speed to decipher the inscriptions in your recent letter sufficient by to understand and become firmly convinced that the Country is the place for us both (would I could be with you there) and also to realize you were

trying to tell me that some
allurements of Chicago were left
entirely away from Englewood
night of Saturday December 9th
Mr Shakespeare has our great
celebrations

So Sunday morning before
organ began to play I leaned forward
in my pew and had a short but
conference with the Acting President
of Smith College.

First we agreed it was good
that Emma would be with us - an
Newser's notice that in an hour

open her presence, all excuses and
other reasons counting for naught.

Well, said Betty, you write
Rob and say that since I became
Acting President I have learned that
engagements may be disregarded or
changed and this goes for Rob -
We simply must have him with us
on the 11th. And so say we all.
Remember, young fella, that once a
Shakespeare Club member always a
member - and one of the solemn obligations
each member is to do what ever the
club leader asks him - So Robby,

old dear, just patch up a little
white lie (St Peter will forgive
I am sure) and tell them of Chicago
whatever you may desire but don't
you dare be absent on the Ninth
(even though you take a night plane fr
Newark to Chicago after our meeting -
get you to the airport - and it is a surpris
ly comfortable trip after all) and don't
dare to fail to bring with you your
famous Monograph on "WHAT'S I
HAVE MET" and your better medal pr
by the Anglers Club in recognition of you
passion for the truth. Yours for VERITY
and love to Anna - affectionately,
Freddie



Ans Room 587

Nov. 2, 1939.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have thanked our Heavenly Father for the inspiration you gave me, and gave me all, the last two evenings in speaking of our Saviour; and now I want to thank you.

It was my pleasure to walk back to the Hotel last evening with a man who heard you 33 years ago - an itinerant minister in the Christian Church. The impression you made upon him was profound.

Last evening you closed with that fine illustration



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of the Football Player. If I am not trespassing too much upon your kindness, would you be kind enough to leave with the Room Clerk to put in my box the name of that Player, and his position on the Team, we would like to report it to my young people next Sunday D.V.

I was brought up in Puritanic Wales where the aunts considered it a sin to even look in on a Football game, therefore I am not so familiar with the terms.

May God bless you again most abundantly is my earnest prayer.

Sincerely yours

G. C. Jones
 (Minister, Presbyterian Church,
 Maffranee, Ind.)



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November 3, 1939.

Dr. Robert M. Speer,
Lexington, Kentucky.

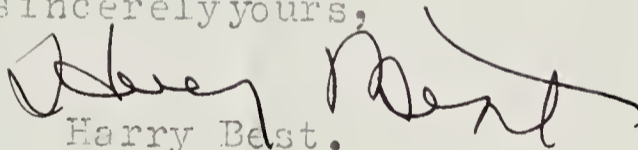
My dear Dr. Speer:

Inasmuch as I am not to have the pleasure of having you for my guest for dinner during your stay in Lexington, I am doing the next best thing--asking if you will not be so good as to accept a copy of my work "Crime and the Criminal Law in the United States." Be assured that I shall not ask that you attempt to read this somewhat technical production; I shall be quite satisfied if when you have a few minutes of leisure, you might read the last few pages. I am sure that you will approve of them.

All who have heard you in Lexington bear testimony as to what your preaching has done for them.

With all continuing good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Harry Best.



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THE PITTSBURGH-XENIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

JOHN MCNAUGHER, D. D., LL. D.
PRESIDENT OF FACULTY

The Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D., LL.D.
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I am coming at you with an insistent appeal. The Faculty of the Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary desires a short series of three devotional addresses in Passion Week--Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the hour being in the forenoon of each day. The purpose is a deepening of the spiritual life of our men and the addresses should focus on that. When your name was mentioned in the Faculty meeting last Saturday there was an instant and a unanimous response that you were pre-eminently the man to render us this important service. Will you come? It will place us under profound indebtedness if you consent. If your time is limited, you could arrive on Tuesday morning and leave again on Thursday afternoon or evening, but we hope that you will not need to be hurried. It is possible that we may have the students and Faculty of the Western Seminary with us at these meetings. At least they will have a warm invitation. A proper honorarium will be provided.

Now, Dr. Speer, I am writing you in a very personal way. Our close contacts in the Committee on Union led me as never before to appreciate your gifts and your tender Christian spirit, and I covet the spiritual uplift among us all which you can minister as the messenger of the Holy Spirit. Do not fail us.

With my kindest regards, I am

Affectionately yours,



28th November 1939
JM:MC

1204 Homer St.

Memphis Tenn
Sunday

Dear Friend

I was thinking of you lately
 and our church calendar that
 many things for God's children
 do and ask God to use us
 in some way for Christ, His
 and prepare for an adequate
 feeling in the Spring —
 my memory & care for your
 saddest fact reflecting our
 our Lord Jesus to show that
 id. the need you are for Christ
 all his work - know it will
 my life
 moved in April right after
 receiving your sweet card —
 ed in my heart wanted to
 come off but daily duties
 prevented me &
 his place 1204 Homer St belongs
 to my husband's single sister

my mind alone - rather belongs
to her memories - so when
Gus called her suddenly last
December her sister gave it to
my husband as he had been a
father to her - has me acre
land - my flowers - large
trees - "Ladies we have to go
leave - and I walk 4 blocks
to catch the car as I don't
own an auto - and my
husband uses his - why call it
"a ride in the rear."
I never wanted to come - pray for
my nie to be Gals - so I'll center
Ladies do church today been
my good pastor show a fine
sermon - try to have Mark 10.
and John 6. 67 -
I never hear him without being
helped.
I am memorizing the book of John

is year as we are studying it
and up to the 15th chapter -
and 2 a month - and then
Kenny has a Scholfield Bible
any who learn 1st - 3rd
ed 14th chapters and then
Kenny + I have so far man-
ibles -
we know all these - the chief
unity of my memory work - es-
sential to be close to Jesus and
really know Him and want
to let who I may say -
me is nothing I do that
is me the pleasure my
memory work and personal
work for Jesus -
we ask God to guide me and
use me for my beloved Master
and bring out here - I have met -
eggs being market and
men let any use you have without
dark "do you believe in Jesus?"

then negroes ask me to read the Bible
and I thank God - for that
they come and ask me to talk to them
about Jesus -

"I have no one
to give you the Bible if you ask
God each morning - that day you
will find I love you - for I do
I can never forget you have your
picture in a card in my cabinet
things -

I will be so happy when you
can return to me -
May God bless all you do for them
and give you health to do it
and look around among my
friends - wonder how they can
do so many ordinary things -
and be content.
I wish I gave them up and that man
then for God just help me here
I really want more love
I thank you again for the

help you gain me and planning
 could send to me —
 my grandeur & you'd know
 every plume in the Bible —
 and the author in for a gospel
 John and said "Markus,
 you have seen don't you."
 is sure tells how much I love

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and many many more —
 now you are a very busy man
 it please remember me in your
 prayers —
 for this "Be strong and of a
 good courage."
 But strong in faith I hear the
 reverend prayer —

And bare my head unflinchingly
to the blast

Because my Father's arm is around
me cast;

And if the rays seem rough I
apply sharp

the hand that leads me work
a firmer grasp.

Love for your dear sweet wife
and God bless and keep you

Love -

Ephesians 1. 16

Lovingly yours H. A. White

Mrs H. A. White -

Dear Mother

11/9 1938

~~Dear Mother~~

~~Dear Mother~~
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Mr J L Fowler

Box 492 Brewster Ohio

Dear Christians friends.

Will you or sisters and others in Christ, do your ut to get me, in touch with ^{Mr} Robert E Speer he is close relative of ours. He is a relative of a mission that is either on the lot or dead or retired. He is or was a missionary. Father's name was Morrison & they are both very close relatives of father: both of our father's sisters children.

Please do your best to get his address for me.

Thank you. If you can locate him just send this letter: and



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FREDERIC C. WALCOTT
63 WALL STREET
NEW YORK

Morfolk, Connecticut.

November 11, 1939.

Dr. Robert Speer,
Lakeville,
Conn.

My dear Robert:

Enclosed herewith a much delayed letter from Dr. Osborn which speaks for itself.

I have been away so much and am now just about to sail on the "REX" for Naples to fly from Rome to Berlin to see if I can persuade the Germans to open up Poland for American Polish Relief.

Hope to see you soon after I get back toward the end of the year.

Sincerely yours,

F. C. Walcott

FCW:JB
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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HARTFORD

October 9, 1939

Hon. Frederick C. Walcott
Norfolk, Conn.

Dear Senator Walcott:

With further reference to a letter you wrote me a short time ago, our sanitary engineer visited Salisbury and talked with the Reverend Doctor Robert Speer about the establishment of a town dump in the Ore Hill Section where he lives. He reports that Doctor Speer and another neighbor have finally purchased the land being considered by the town for a dump and have secured an option on surrounding land.

This man is apparently one of the rare kind who believes in solving his own problems and I presume this ends the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley H. Osborn
Commissioner

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SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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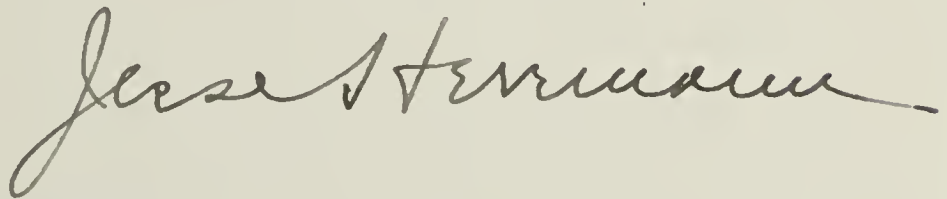
November seventeenth
1939

Dear Dr. Speer,

Your stay in our city was only too brief; but this did not measure the range of your ministry. For many your clear and cogent messages made for a firmer faith. Among these I count it a privilege to list myself.

There is a perennial need to present with mature mastery the large array of facts that gird the Gospel with credibility. As ministers we are inclined to forget that this service must be rendered to every new generation. To meet this obligation is no small task. But henceforth it will be a bit less difficult because you gave us such an excellent demonstration.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Herrmann". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Westminster Presbyterian Church
 FLOYD AND ELEVENTH STREETS
 LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

JAMES SPRUNT, MINISTER
 3917 FORT AVENUE

Nov. 27, 1939.

Dear Dr. Ince.

If you'll overlook a rather uncertain penmanship, I'll do what I wanted to do since Thursday last, and get a few lines off to you. My thanksgiving injury was getting along all right until last night when I unconsciously hit it somehow while asleep and started it open again. Well get it fixed up better today. It's amazing that a little derangement like this in one member will do to the whole body and its needs! Paul was right about it!

Well, we've thought and talked about you both so many, many times since you left us, and always gratefully and gladly. It was indeed a benediction in any way to have had you both, and we sincerely hope that we may be so refreshed again. Many different ones have discussed with us your excellent, searching messages, and how we'd like to have more.

We enjoyed coming back into the house
after your departure last Thursday and
having the novel experience of hearing our
departed guest still speaking there!
We listened to your address with great
edification again. I hope that
the trip to Chatham and the stay
there was enjoyable in every way and
that the week in Bluefield will be as
happy a one to you two as it will be a
blessing to the folk. Nothing more could
be asked.

We intended to ask you before you
left us what you were referring to on Wed. morning
(Speaking a Joy) when you said all Scotch Presbyterians
should know what a "doric" (?) is. Or was it "doras"
I thought did qualify as being a real Scotch Presbyterian
but did never heard of it. I'm really quite curious
about it.

Kate sends the enclosed verse and Bulletin
which has a verse she thought you'd like. I also
enclose an interesting clipping which recently
appeared in a paper I forgot to hand you over.

Please give your "C. P. C." our love and best
wishes. We completely fell in love with you both.
Gratefully yours,
James Sprunt

MRS. JAMES SPRUNT
3917 FORT AVENUE, FORT HILL
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

For Dr. Speer - thinking of your sermon
of Tuesday night, Nov. 21st - "God Seeking
Men".

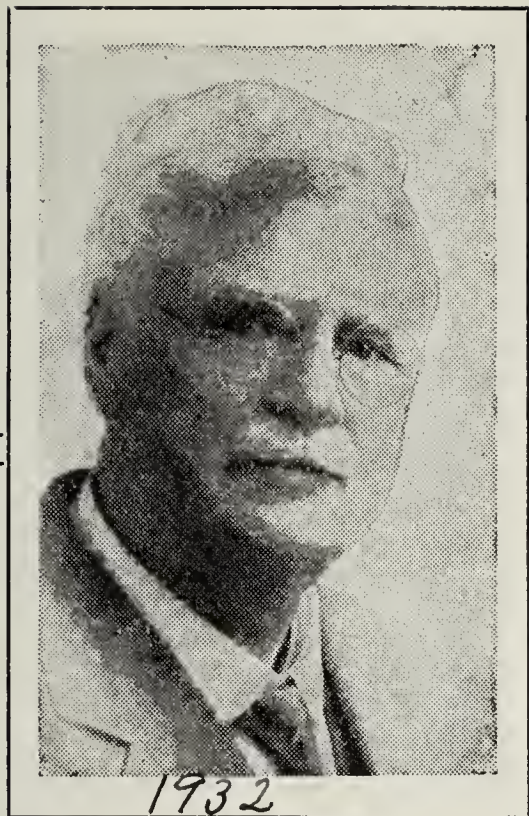
I love my God, but with no love of mine,
For I have none to give;
I love Thee, Lord, but all that love is Thine
For by Thy life I live."
Madame Guyon, c. 1700



ALBERT S. HANNA

209 NORTH SCHOOL STREET

NORMAL, ILLINOIS



1932

Dear Dr. Speer:- During the school year 1889-'90 you visited the J. S. N. U. talking about Student Volunteer Movement. I attended your meetings. I was already interested in missions.

You walked with me from one meeting to my room on Normal Ave. Visiting with you intensified my interest. I think that I really wanted to go to China Inland Mission. But I was a very poor student in Latin, and decided that I would probably be a poorer student of Chinese. It is probable that it was wise that I did not go, for a poor missionary is (in my opinion) worse than none.

It has given me great pleasure to watch your remarkably useful life, and I heartily congratulate you on possessing the qualities making such work possible. Not the least of those qualities is willingness to be used. I gladly thank you for helping me to live earnestly.

I am an old worn out school teacher; so worn out that I can not be present at your address this morning. Taught 8 yrs in Illinois; 8 yrs. in Mass; + 2 7/2 yrs in Brooklyn N. Y. After graduating from J. S. N. U. in 1894, I graduated from Harvard (B. S. in Biology) 1898, and Master's degree in religious education, Columbia Univ. 1932, then returned to Normal + did just what I pleased and in June last year received the only kind of degree given here B. Ed. Since Oct. 1, I have lived in bed with a weak heart. I hope this extended greeting will not seem crude to you. It is a typical old man's salute to a man still in the battle. Cordially Albert S. Hanna.



C O P Y for Dr. Speer

November 27, 1939

My dear Doctor Irving:-

The Seminar at Granville was very enriching and stimulating to me. For a long time I have felt that the Board of Christian Education might do a very valuable piece of work by sending out a kind of minister to minister. Of course a call on each minister is out of the question, but such gatherings as we had the other day help serve the same purpose.

Now as to suggestions. I think you do well to have some one with a mind as tough as Dr. Piper's on the team. And it is well that his point of view be thrown into the discussion. However, I found that my mind and his mind did not meet; we did not talk the same language; he seemed to think in a world quite foreign to my own. Of course this is no reflection on Dr. Piper, but rather upon myself. The trouble, however, is that when two trains of thought fail to come anywhere near each other, there can be no collision out of which discussions arise. I wonder if somehow Dr. Piper could be induced to start with the kind of theology most of us have (if there is any such theology) and lead us out into the kind he thinks we ought to have. I suppose if my mind were good enough, I could start with the kind he has and lead myself out of the wilderness. Frankly, I felt myself left "cold" by his presentation of "authority". His sources of authority are mine, but somehow what he said about them did not "bite in".

Dr. Speer was unusually good and even if I could think of them, I would not suggest any ways by which his presentation could be improved. It happens that I think of no such ways.

Your own job of leading the Seminar and pulling together the ends, was done superbly well.

Cordially yours,



C O P Y

THE BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION
OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO
REV. EARL R. NORTH, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

6 Lane Seminary Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

November 29, 1939

Rev. George Irving, D.D.
933 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Dr. Irving:-

The Conference on "Faith and Life" at Wilmington, I think, was a real success. The men who were there found real help for themselves. I do not believe Dr. Piper made the addition to the conference that man of us had expected. More and more I am convinced that there is a real difference between the American type of theological presentation and the Continental. Our minds are different. It may be that young men just out of college may eagerly grasp what our friends from across the sea bring out. But many of us who have been in the thick of the fight like what you and Dr. Speer bring us.

So impressed were our men with the seminar that the suggestion has been made that it might be possible for us to secure Dr. Speer for our laymen's retreat and also for one for our ministers.

For two years we have had a retreat of picked groups of laymen who meet from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. The meetings are held in our conference grounds at St. Edmunds, Glendale.

We also have an annual retreat of our ministers. We have wondered if it would be possible to combine these two groups. I imagine we would have a group of sixty laymen for the full period and probably one hundred or more ministers. Can you suggest to me the best way to approach Dr. Speer on this matter?

It was a pleasure to have you at the Wilmington conference. The contribution you gave was one that many of our men appreciated.

With personal best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EARL R. NORTH

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933 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

November 30, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:-

Thank you for your letter of November 27th. Every remembrance of you is a constant joy. I get a vicarious satisfaction, even, out of your physical health as you go about working under full pressure and carrying two bags which would cripple me even to lift.

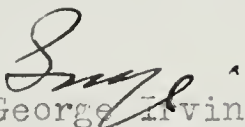
My special reason for writing you now is to enclose a letter received from one of the ministers who was with us at Granville, Ohio. I also enclose a copy of my letter to Otto Piper on this matter.

As I indicate in my letter to Otto, this is one of several letters I have received with similar comments from very friendly and thoroughly evangelical men.

How do you think Piper could better get a point of contact with our men than he now does? Please be as specific as you can and be sure I will not mention your letter to Piper unless you wish me to do so.

Del Pierson writes that January 4th seems to be the day for us to get together in New York but I have not had any final word in regard to it.

Affectionately yours,


George Irving

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enc.

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CHICAGO

December 2, 1939

OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville,
Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

Some of your friends have told me that you have an excellent system of conserving time in order to do necessary reading and writing. We have all marveled at your productivity in the midst of an unusually busy life, and if you are willing, we shall be grateful if you will tell us something of your method of economizing time. I wish this especially in connection with something that I am preparing for publication on finding time and money for books.

I inclose a stamped envelope for your convenience in reply, and shall appreciate any attention that you may give to my request.

Very sincerely yours,


John F. Lyons

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December 2, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Robert:-

Herewith is copy of a letter from Dr. North, the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery of Cincinnati. I very much want to talk with you about this matter as I feel we are under a heavy obligation to help Piper to get into closer contact with some starting point in the minds of our people. The sober facts seems to me to be that most of our men have no system of theology at all, so, when a man comes along who has thought his way through, they are bewildered. There must, however, be some way to help in this matter more than we have done in the past.

Affectionately yours,

George Irving
George Irving

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enc.

THE SHADYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AMBERSON AVENUE AND WESTMINSTER PLACE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

GH THOMSON KERR
ROLD ALDEN DALZELL

December 4, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
"Rockledge"
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Robert:

I am just heart sick over the closing out of THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD. At the same time I am glad that I have had it these many years - all the years of my ministry - and I congratulate you in giving such a long volunteer service to carrying it forward.

Now what are we going to do about a worth while Christian paper throughout our churches? Our Presbyterian Church needs something. I wonder if that is not a task that you should put your mind to.

Mrs. Kerr and I join in all good wishes to you and Mrs. Speer.

Yours very sincerely,
Boyd

ASA REED DILTS
PENNEY FARMS, FLORIDA

Dec. 6, 1939.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City,

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have had it in mind for the last two months to write you, expressing my great appreciation of a sermon you preached in The First Presbyterian Church in New York City, Sunday morning, Sept. 10, last. I was deeply impressed, and immensely pleased.

The whole service gave me great satisfaction, the hymns sung, the anthem by the quartette, the two Psalms read, the prayer, & the sermon, formed a beautiful unity.

Your analysis of the political, economic, social, moral & religious conditions of our own country, & of the age as well, the clear statement of what we could, or "can", do, the fact that we still have God and

Christ & the Church for our tremendous spiritual resources, - all this was admirable, was very welcome to me, and I want to thank you from my heart for it all.

I am one of the retired ministers here at Pruney Farms. I am a graduate of a Presbyterian Seminary. Tho' I am a Baptist, & was a pastor for a bit more than 45 & one half years.

Many of us here hope that, if you come to Florida this winter, & are in the neighborhood of Jacksonville, you would be willing to come out to Pruney Farms, & speak to our group of nearly two hundred ministers & their wives & other Christian workers. We could easily arrange to bring you here from Jacksonville and take you back to that city.

May the Lord give you health & strength to preach the Gospel for some years yet. Very cordially,
A. Reed Dills.

ADRIAN LYON
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
210 SMITH STREET
PERTH AMBOY, N. J.

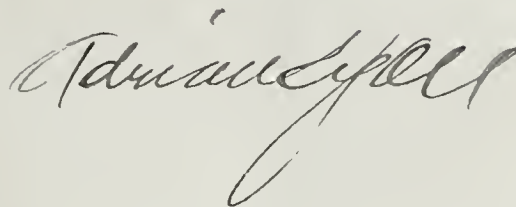
December 6th, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Doctor Speer:

In your wonderful address yesterday you mentioned a minister situated at Roanoke, Virginia. Would you be willing to give me a letter of introduction to him? I have a very personal matter related to a man in Roanoke concerning which I want some advice.

Very cordially and sincerely yours,



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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

PASTOR'S STUDY

December 13, 1939

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear friends,

Both of your good letters have been received and very much appreciated. I know how restful that Sabbath seemed to you following your days of activity over such a wide area. It is almost worth going away just to get back and to feel the quiet peace of your own fireside.

Ever since you left I have wanted to write and to thank you again for your gracious ministry to so many people. Our little family will never forget your visit in our home. Our only regret is that it was so definitely self-centered.

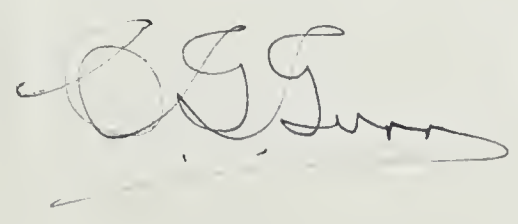
This letter is being enclosed as a post-script to the main object contained therein. I am enclosing Grandmother Yost's letter to me in it that you may catch her spirit and the glow from her own soul. I am grateful that you stopped that day to see her. She is one of God's great "major-minor prophets." If you write her just address it "Grandmother Yost, Bluefield, Virginia."

We rejoice in the prospect of your Christmas reunion and feel very much honored to be represented by the water-melon pickle.

Last week I went to Memphis where I attended the funeral of Dr. A. B. Curry. Mrs. McCaslin spoke beautifully in memory of your visit there.

With our love to you both in which all the Gunns join me, I am

Yours sincerely,



Graham Va Dec

Dear Brother Gunn

I amnd try
 to fix up a mistake I
 made when you was over
 ear with brother spear I
 id want to give him a
 lar I was so proud
 when you come in the
 ouse I forgot it then my
 wugh was coming ^{up} the last
 ight and my son was
 alled a way and she
 id not get to go but
 got the last Searnmore
 he preach, I heard him
 ay good by I could
 to keep from crying
 heard the train a blowing
 when he said good by

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do wish I could bin there
 when they taken up
 election if this is to much
 trouble dont you send
 it you keep it for your
 self the reason I want bin
 to get it so I it to be
 in my record in have
 it is not much but
 it takes little things to
 make big thing I had
 fine seadmon this morn
 ring I do think you are
 rather Crowe is 2 of the
 best preachers I ever
 en to try to lift the fallen
 people you done so much
 for me

My Dear Brother Gurn
 I am sending you
 this card if you can
 lead back it to brother
 Speer I do not know what
 he went but if cant
 get it to him you keep
 the money I want to
 give him a dollar for the
 rier he made for me
 want to put as many
 dollars on God record
 I can you excuse my
 d writing I am ashamie
 it, when I feel bad I cant
 write to do any good I am
 not sending your christmas
 card this time, I had to put
 a little one in the big one

if you dont under
stand this you
all are over the fence

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December 22, 1939

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

Greetings in the name of our adorable Christ. It is my privilege and pleasure to send you today on behalf of The Christian and Missionary Alliance complimentary copies of two books which we have recently published:

AFTER FIFTY YEARS - A Record of God's Working through
The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

HIMNOS DE LA VIDA CRISTIANA - The New Spanish Hymnal which
we have just published.

I should be very glad for your criticisms on the hymnal. We want it to have a wide ministry for the upbuilding of the church of Christ in Spanish lands. Any suggestions you can make to help in its translation will be greatly appreciated.

As I write, I look back with pleasure and gratitude to God for the privilege I had of fellowship with you and under your leadership in Latin American Committee work and I want to again thank you for your letters of introduction which you gave me when I went to South America two and one-half years ago.

I trust you are being kept in good health and I am sure you will be prospered of God in your ministries for Him.

Do you have any open dates for a message between now and the last of April?

With Season's Greetings, I am

Your brother in Gospel bonds,

A. C. Snead.

ACS:J

GEORGE H. MILNE
BELGO ROAD
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

26th December 1931.

Dear Dr Spear.

I write to send you my hearty thanks for "The temple in the heart" and your nice description which adds a personal association & it is soon that I particularly appreciate. You will hardly realize it but your book of George Benson (and (x)) first brought home to me, distinctly, the profound truth of god metan, through Christ. or as others put it God incarnate in Christ. This volume on the same teaching is going to be of great help to me and I trust you to know it that you may be better understood my appreciation of your kindly thoughts of me & its particular value at just this time.

With warm regard and all good wishes for your happiness & that of your family who are always so good to me,
I am

Sincerely,

Geo. H. Milne

Dr Robert E Spear
Lakeville
Conn.

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Dec. 29/34

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sheer -

You are always in our hearts "down South", but somehow at this happy hour and entering the New Year, you are especially with us in tender affection.

Many throughout this section have seen the face of Christ anew because you have dwelt among us.

A minister from the moral section hailed me on the street this week and asked about you and said in 1903 he decided to enter the ministry because of a message to young men, you delivered at a Street Conference.

Many are the lives you have started on the right way under the blessing of God.

May His blessings attend you both throughout the coming year -

Mrs. Scanlon, Dr. McKenzie and many others join me in affectionate Christmas greetings -

Sincerely -

David H. Scanlon

Mr. and Mrs. Sheer -
Love,

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT



